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Dayan and Peres agree to join new Meir government after Cabinet security meeting

By ARI RATH, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The Prime Minister's office issued a special statement at midnight last night, announcing Mrs. Meir's readiness to form a new government in response to the Labour Party Central Committee's appeal. The statement also announced that Messrs. Dayan and Peres had agreed to serve as Defence and Transport ministers in the new government. The Prime Minister will meet today with the President to inform him of the completion of her task.

This last-minute dramatic development in which Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Transport Minister Shimon Peres responded to a further appeal by Mrs. Meir to join her new Cabinet came in the wake of an extraordinary Cabinet session in Jerusalem, which discussed security matters. It was also attended by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, and by the chief of military intelligence, Aluf Eliahu Zeira.

There was no information available late last night on the nature of the urgent security issue that required the special Cabinet discussion, which is understood to have added weight to Mrs. Meir's additional appeal to Dayan and Peres, who had already resigned themselves to the fact that they would not serve in the new government.

The return of Messrs. Dayan and Peres to the Cabinet is believed likely to sway the NRP to join the new Cabinet without delay, possibly even before it is presented to the Knesset. The NRP had been close to agreeing to join the new coalition on Sunday, when Mrs. Meir walked out of the Alignment's Knesset faction meeting, saying she would return her mandate to the President.

The new government is now expected to be based on the same three parties of the outgoing coalition: the Labour-Mapam Alignment with its three affiliated Arabs MKs, the NRP, and the Independent Liberals. It will command 68 seats in the Knesset, although at the initial stage a minority government of the Alignment and the ILP may be formed that would have only 58 seats in the house.

Premier Meir's talk with Dayan and Peres followed an earlier meeting last evening at her Jerusalem residence with Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin, in which he conveyed to her the unanimous appeal of the party's Central Committee to complete her task of forming a new Government forthwith.

The meeting's additional, unanimous appeal to Dayan and Peres to change their mind and to join the new cabinet, which was also voiced by party leaders Sapir, Allon, Rabin and Yadlin, may also have had an impact on the last minute decision of the Rafi leaders.

The vote appealing to Mrs. Meir had been carried unanimously by the Central Committee, with four abstentions — of Lyova Eliav M.K., Aluf (Res.) Yosef Geva, Daniel Bloch and Ya'acov Vislunsky. But the second appeal to Mrs. Meir to form a minority Government was carried only by 288 votes with 45 abstentions of most of the Rafi members, who were joined by Eliav and Geva, while seven people voted against.

It was thought earlier in the evening that the fact that Rafi had abstained in that vote and that Dayan and Peres remained adamant on not joining the new cabinet, might cause Mrs. Meir to go ahead with her plans to return her mandate to the President.

On the other hand, the feeling that Mrs. Meir would be the next Premier in spite of everything had stemmed mainly from a remark made in the Knesset restaurant by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday afternoon to Likud chief Menahem Begin.

Mr. Sapir's prediction was broadcast by Kol Yisrael later as follows: "Mrs. Meir will go to the President tomorrow and present him her Cabinet. On Thursday or on Sunday, she will present it to the Knesset."

But when Labour Party Secretary Aharon Yadlin hurried back from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to brief Mrs. Meir on the seven-hour Labour Central Committee meeting, he emerged at 9.30 p.m. saying that "she heard me out but did not react."

Chief Coalition Whip Moshe Baram told *The Post:* The Central Committee gave Mrs. Meir a massive vote of confidence, and she knows now that the vocal critics of the Aryeh Eliav category, are less than insignificant in voting terms. She knows, too, that the majority has spoken out clearly against a National Unity Government."

Labour co-Secretary Avraham Gewelber (of Ahdut Avoda) told Israel Radio last night he "hoped and sensed" that Mrs. Meir would accept the Central Committee plea to form the Government.

Gewelber said Mrs. Meir got up-to-the-minute reports during the seven-hour session, of what speakers were saying. "Now she has time to think things over and decide whether to accept our plea."

Dr. Yitzhak Raphael of the NRP said earlier that he believed his party would abstain in a vote of confidence on Mrs. Meir's minority Government pending further negotiations on the NRP's joining the coalition. Mr. Raphael was being interviewed by an Israel Broadcasting reporter.

...ese newly-appointed members of the Wilson government are, left to right, Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, Employment Secretary Michael Foot and Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey. (AP radiophoto)

Left wing look in U.K.'s new Cabinet

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

LONDON. — Prime Minister Harold Wilson chose a new Cabinet with a left wing look yesterday and ordered swift action to tackle Britain's gravest economic crisis since World War II.

He aimed first at settling the strike of the nation's 280,000 coal miners so that the country can get back to full-time work. Other key goals were arrangements to set up millions of dollars' worth of foreign credit to keep Britain solvent and steps toward renegotiating terms of Britain's membership in the European Common Market.

Brokers, bankers and businessmen appeared relieved that a phase of instability now seemed to be ending. Shares on the London Stock Market surged forward at the prospect of an end to the three-day work week and reopening of the coal mines. The pound jumped up from its initial four cents to $2.3220, a sign of reviving international confidence.

Wilson's 15 Cabinet ministers, with two women among them, seemed on the surface to be a careful balance of the Labour party's left centre and rightist factions, with crucial posts going to practical-minded Socialists, the overall image looked distinctly leftist. Among them were Michael Foot, Employment Secretary; Anthony Wedgewood Benn, Industry Secretary; Mrs. Barbara Castle, Social Services Secretary; Peter Shore, Trade Secretary, and to a lesser extent, Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Others in the new Cabinet included James Callaghan, Foreign Secretary; Roy Jenkins, Home Secretary, Anthony Crosland, Environment Secretary; Eric Carley, Energy Secretary; and Mrs. Shirley Williams, Minister for Consumer Affairs. Two key appointments were Roy Mason as Defence Secretary, and Merlyn Rees as Secretary for Northern Ireland.

The composition of the Cabinet brings with it the hopes that the growing estrangement between Britain and Israel over the past three and a half years of Conservative rule will be halted.

It is a truism to say that the Opposition are always more favourable towards Israel, but that once the opposition party assumes power, it takes a less favourable stance. The record shows that while Labour policy towards Israel while in government from 1964 to 1970 was generally fair, the Conservative rule since 1970 could hardly have been described thus. Even hyper-cautious Israeli diplomats were prepared to admit that on the basis of past relationships, it will be easier for Israel with a Labour government.

Callaghan, the new Foreign Secretary, visited Egypt and Israel just a month ago, and he is one of the best informed British politicians on the Middle East. Callaghan is on record as saying that he will conduct a more active foreign policy than his predecessor.

There are many who might have preferred one known to be more openly pro-Israel, but despite this reservation, it is noted here that Callaghan is sympathetic to Israel.

Is has often been complained that the British Foreign Office, somewhat like the U.S. State Department before the advent of Kissinger, is strongly pro-Arab. If this is true then the appointment of the 61-year-old Callaghan is most welcome.

Apart from Wilson's own statements of support for Israel, which have often landed him in trouble with Arab leaders as well as some of his own backbenchers, a number of other ministers can be counted on as Israel's friends.

Healey has a long record of friendship towards Israel. Harold Lever, who as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster will be Wilson's personal adviser at Number 10 on financial matters, is himself Jewish and was closely associated with Zionist organizations in his youth.

Benn and Shore have both visited Israel and expressed admiration for the country. Shore was a member of the Labour party delegation which went in December as observers at Israel's elections as the guest of the Israel Labour party.

Edward Short, the Lord President of the Council, and Robert Mellish, who is Labour party chief whip, are both active members of the Labour Friends of Israel.

Crossland was in Israel last year, and Mrs. Castle is a long-term friend of Israel.

Iraq, Iran renew border battle

Iraqi and Iranian troops battled on their border for the second straight day yesterday, military communiques reported in Baghdad and Teheran.

Heavy artillery, mortars and machineguns were used in the fighting, located at a point of the border about 160 kms. northeast of Baghdad. The Iraqis said they had three killed and 15 wounded and the Iranians reported one commando killed and three wounded.

An Iraqi communique accused the Iranians of starting the shooting both Monday and yesterday. It said the fighting lasted nine hours on Monday and started again yesterday at 8 a.m.

The scene of the conflict was about 160 kms. north of the Badra area where both sides had 80 killed in a border clash on February 10.

After the February outbreak, Iraq took a complaint to the U.N. Security Council and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim sent an observer to the border area for a first-hand report.

Iraq yesterday accused Iran of massing troops and provoking new clashes. Baghdad radio said clashes were still going on 12 hours later.

The Iraqi General Staff accused Iran of "pursuing its provocations and violations of national sovereignty, and continuing the build-up along the Iraqi border wth Iran."

In an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper "Al Siyassa," Saddam Hussein Takriti, No. 2 man in Iraq, said yesterday repeated clashes along the Iraqi-Iranian border "raise doubts about Iran's declared desire to establish good relations with the Arab countries."

(UPI, Reuter)

At Central Committee debate

Dayan prefers Meir gov't over unity one

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who was the last to take the floor at the end of the marathon seven-hour caucus of the Labour Party, said he believed Mrs. Meir was "the best possible person Israel has today to head a cabinet." But he said, "I do not think the government she proposes to head is a good one."

He regretted that Mrs. Meir was opposed to a national emergency government, but because she does not "the issue is not on the agenda."

"If the choice is between a national emergency government without Golda Meir or a government with her, the preference is for Mrs. Meir, he stressed.

Dayan's misgivings about the minority government did not depend on the number of seats the coalition would command in the Knesset, but on the defence policy of labour's coalition partners.

"The stand of Mapam with its six members is known: so is that of the four members of the Independent Liberals." Even NRP's religious appreciation of security problems did not jibe with what Dayan sees right. "They make an issue about Judea and Samaria — but this is not realistic: we have had no war with Jordan and we have nothing pressing to negotiate about now," Dayan said. He believed that there were more Likud members who would go "far enough" with the Labour Party in security matters.

Dayan said it was not Rafi which caused Mrs. Meir to slam the door at Sunday's meeting of the Alignment Knesset faction — "I did not open my mouth; what incensed Mrs. Meir were remarks by Ben-Aharon and others. I support Mrs. Meir in whatever she decides: but it is not exactly agreeable to adopt free democratic decisions under these circumstances."

Rafi, Mr. Dayan said, "is a fact of the present, and possibly of the future, but not because it wants just to exist. It is there because Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda force Rafi to exist. Rafi is there, where it is not represented. It has no strength for separate existence. It has no power bases, such as Ahdut Ha'avoda's Kibbutz Meuhad and Mapai's 'Gush.' I could give you a long list of what Rafi does not have."

He had no personal complaints, certainly not against the Prime Minister, Dayan said. "Rafi decided to appeal to me and to Shimon Peres to join the government. It decided in principle for a national emergency government, but the Rafi Knesset Members will vote for Golda Meir's government without any conditions. The basis of all these decisions is not to do anything that could split the party. We shall not leave, unless you force us to."

Transport Minister Shimon Peres, the other Rafi Minister, said he was choosing his words carefully to avoid offence but could not help saying that Rafi did not feel it was trusted by Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda leaders; there were meetings of Cabinet ministers to which Rafi members were not invited.

"We live in a transition period during which we all rallied around Golda Meir. But because of external and internal political problems, the pace of the transition is much faster than we all thought. It is therefore important that the future should not be determined by chance and coincidence. It has to be decided in a clear, democratic manner. This is a legitimate problem. It requires a different kind of re-

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'Inaccurate', says President of reported views on crisis

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday termed "inaccurate" recent reports of his views on the present political crisis. The President's Bureau issued a statement to this effect after yesterday's newspapers had quoted Opposition Leader Menahem Begin as saying that Prof. Katzir favoured the formation of a national unity government. Mr. Begin led a Likud delegation which called on the President on Monday night to press the case for a unity government.

The President's statement read:

"Inaccurate statements — attributed to the President of the State — concerning the President's stand on the government desirable at present, have recently been published. The President's Bureau therefore finds it necessary to state that the President's stand on this issue can be made public only by the President himself, or on his behalf when he finds it appropriate. And not by any unauthorized means."

Well-placed sources have reported Premier Golda Meir was angered by the President's actions and omissions over the weekend which all seemed to point to his favouring a unity government. He met with four non-party public figures — Profs. Yigal Talmi, Yisrael Dostrovsky, Yuval Ne'eman and Aluf (Res.) Dan Tolkowsky — who sought to persuade him to use his influence to bring about a unity government. The four then met with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan for the same purpose. Then Prof. Katzir invited Dayan to his residence on Saturday.

Furthermore, the President did not deny persistent rumours that he did in fact "privately" support the idea of a unity government. Even the statement issued by his bureau yesterday was not a categorical denial.

Mrs. Meir is said to have felt that the President's constitutional duty to consult with various politicians on forming a new government ceased once he had granted a mandate to one of them, and he was not required to take further action until the period of the mandate had lapsed.

The President, on the other hand, is reported to feel that his constitutional function does give him scope — and indeed a duty — to exert a measure of influence in precisely this kind of political situation. He stated publicly on his accession that he did not view the Presidency as purely ceremonial but intended to exert his influence when he thought it was required.

Mrs. Meir's view of the President's activity is believed to have been one reason why she refused to appear before the dozens of newsmen who covered her meeting with the President on Monday night, when she informed him that she was not returning her mandate, but would continue her efforts until tonight. The Premier departed hurriedly — leaving the President to inform the press of her decision.

The Premier's spokesman told the newsmen in advance that the President would not answer any of their questions but would make do with a short statement.

NRP 'wait and see'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The National Religious Party stood on the sidlines earlier yesterday waiting for the Alignment to make a successful appeal to Mrs. Meir to carry on forming a Government.

After the Central Committee meeting ended, NRP and Alignment leaders made informal contact over the phone and decided to meet face to face today if there were enough positive developments to warrant this.

NRP "Young Guard" leaders, sensing that prospects of Mrs. Meir forming a coalition were becoming real once again, talked to Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren over the phone from the Knesset. The group's leader, Zevulun Hammer, said later that if the proposal to join the Government were presented once again to party forums, he would not act till he had talked personally to Chief Rabbi Goren.

"Young Guard" activists, eager to prevent their elders entering the Government, circulated a letter in the Knesset restaurant, which they said Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook (son of the first Chief Rabbi) had handed to NRP chief Yosef Burg earlier in the week, asking him to commit himself in writing against entering the narrow coalition planned by Mrs. Meir.

Burg chatted to the Aguda's Menahem Porush in the restaurant yesterday about coordinating parliamentary action between the two parties. After this inconclusive beginning the two agreed to resume their informal conversation today in the light of Mrs. Meir's decision.

The NRP would have to convene a series of party bodies if the Alignment again made a serious approach to the NRP to enter the coalition on the basis of the most recent Zadok formula about "Who's a Jew." That being so, the NRP could not possibly take a positive decision today even if Mrs. Meir told President Katzir she had a Government based on 58 seats.

Chiefs of staff meet in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — The chiefs of staff of the 20-nation Arab League met yesterday morning for the first time since the October War, with the Arab armament industries as their main topic of discussion.

During a closed session, they discussed the 'setting up of a military industries organization," the Middle East News agency reported. It added, "introduction of developed arms is the target" of the organization which will be headquartered in Cairo with branches in a number of Arab countries.

The topic is being discussed according to a plan drafted by military experts fom Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Algeria and Morocco, the agency reported.

The project was suggested by the chiefs of staff during a meeting here last year. They called on each member state to contribute two per cent of its national income to establish an organization for military production.

Dr. K. optimistic on oil boycott

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, back in Washington from his latest diplomatic foray into the Middle East, met with President Nixon yesterday morning and reportedly conveyed optimism that the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. will soon end.

The State Department said only that the Secretary was reporting to the president on his Mid-East trip, and declined to comment on the oil embargo. "The Secretary's position is that it would not serve any useful purpose to speculate on that," said spokesman George Vest, in response to a question about the possibility of an end to the embargo.

Privately, however, State Department officials are standing behind statements made by "authoritative sources" to newsmen on Dr. Kissinger's plane en route to Washington. These sources reportedly indicated that the U.S. is optimistic that the embargo will be removed as soon as the coming weekend, when Arab oil ministers are expected to meet in Tripoli.

This optimism was buoyed by a report in yesterday's "Wall Street Journal" that Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Oil Minister, has called for an end to the embargo. Yamani said in an interview that the Arab boycott of oil to the U.S. has served its purpose and should be lifted.

But the State Department expressed its displeasure yesterday that it was not consulted before the nine Common Market nations decided to offer economic, technical, and cultural cooperation to the Arab oil-producing nations.

Vest, who returned from Brussels on Monday night with Kissinger, said, "The United States was not consulted. We were informed about it after it became public knowledge."

The same authoritative sources quoted from Kissinger's return flight were also reported to have expressed worry that Prime Minister Golda Meir's difficulty in forming a government could delay or even kill the indirect negotiations between Israel and Syria planned to begin in Washington in about two weeks.

Israeli sources here insist that even a caretaker government can participate in such talks here. But the American anxiety, revealed in the presumably intentional top-level leaks, is seen as a signal that Israel must "get its house in order" and proceed to the talks without delay.

The fact that Kissinger is still planning a trip to Moscow before the end of the month — probably for the last week of March — added to the uncertainty of just when the indirect talks here could take place.

Dr. Kissinger discussed these issues with Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman J. William Fulbright at lunch yesterday after the Secretary's visit to the White House.

Alexandria hotel won't cook Zaire monkeys

ALEXANDRIA (Reuter). — A hotel here has refused to serve cooked monkeys to the Zaire football team which is taking part in the ninth African football championship. The players had to cook their own monkeys in another part of the hotel kitchen and eat in their rooms instead of the dining room.

The hotel cooks, upset by the sight of slaughtered monkeys flown in from Zaire, refused to have anything to do with them.

U.S. to cut production of Trident submarine

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. has announced a cutback from three to two vessels a year in its production programme for submarines equipped with long-range Trident nuclear missiles.

Defence Secretary James Schlesinger told Congress in his annual report on Monday that failures in more than half of 24 test shots of missiles in Poseidon submarines, while not directly related to the Trident missile programme, had served as a reminder of the money risk involved in moving into large-scale production of any new major weapons system.

"Accordingly, after starting on the first Trident submarine in the financial year 1974 (ending next June)), we now propose to build the nine remaining Trident submarines at the rate of two a year instead of three a year," he said.

Sol Hurok dies

NEW YORK (UPI). — Sol Hurok, the world's leading impresario for more than 60 years, died today of a heart attack in the office of New York banker David Rockefeller. He was 85.

Hurok had lunch with a friend, guitarist Andre Segovia, and then went to the office of Rockefeller, another long-time friend, where he was stricken.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with medium to high clouds.
Weather synopsis: A ridge extends from Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	45	7—14	7—15
Golan	63	2—11	3—12
Nahariya	61	8—17	9—19
Safad	72	4—11	4—13
Haifa	71	9—18	9—20
Tiberias	74	7—13	8—21
Nazareth	55	7—16	8—17
Afula	45	5—18	6—20
Shomron	47	3—14	8—15
Tel Aviv	60	9—18	9—20
B-G. Airport	46	6—21	7—23
Jericho	67	8—21	9—24
Gaza	61	10—18	10—20
Beersheba	48	6—18	7—20
Eilat	22	11—34	13—25
Tiran	37	18—26	13—26

Social and Personal

Danish Ambassador Sven Ebbesen yesterday morning visited Jerusalem's Denmark School.

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A study mission of the JNF Fellowships of Britain, comprising 17 members, on Monday was received at the JNF head office by Mr. Jacob Tsur, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the JNF, who spoke on "Israel Today and the JNF."

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Mayor Peter Wilson of San Diego, California, and Mrs. Wilson, yesterday visited Kiryat Ono as guests of Avigdor Warshaw, chairman of the Local Council.

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The Jerusalem Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at its regular luncheon session today, at 1 p.m., at the YMCA.

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The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Dan Carmel Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

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The executive committee of the Journalists Association in Tel Aviv has elected Meir Ben-Gur secretary-general of the association, to succeed Moshe Ron who has retired.

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BIRTH

KATZ. — To David and Jeanne (née Samson) at Tel Hashomer Hospital, a healthy son, grandson to Arnold and Bussa, Ernest and Renee, and great-grandson to Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Goldschmidt.

ARRIVALS

Doctor Arye Nesher, Vice President of the University of Haifa, from the U.S.

German Parliament Member Hans Ludwig Schoenthal, at the head of a delegation of four West German members of Parliament, on a study tour.

DEPARTURES

Raya Jagiom, World Wizo President, to Geneva (by El Al).

Prof. Moshe Prywes, president of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, for Brazil, to deliver the convocation address at the Medical School of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and to Geneva, to confer with WHO officials.

Mrs. Miriam Eshkol, wife of the late Premier Levi Eshkol, for the U.S., on a lecture tour for the United Jewish Appeal (by El Al).

Haifa centre for soldiers opening soon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Soldiers Welfare Centre on Carmel Avenue, which has been under intermittent construction since 1967, is nearing completion. Welfare Association chairman for the north Shlomo Tabori announced on Sunday that the IL7m. centre will be opened in stages, beginning with the 170 bed hostel.

Since the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, the Association has received IL250,000 from the public in cash and goods, including gift parcels, books, games, clothing, blankets, transistor radios and TV sets, which have been distributed to the troops on the Golan Front, to the Navy, the Border Police, hospitals and convalescent homes.

Ramle convicts free hostages, surrender to prison officials

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMLE. — Three inmates at the prison here yesterday released a warder and two fellow-prisoners they held for 14 hours, and gave themselves up to the prison authorities.

The three had barricaded themselves in a cell, with the warder and the two prisoners as hostages, after a knife fight among inmates, in which three other warders were wounded.

The fight broke out on Monday evening as some 80 inmates were watching television in the dining hall. It quickly developed into a minor riot, and warders who tried to break it up were attacked with makeshift knives improvised from spoons, pieces of tin and various building materials.

The three prisoners who surrendered yesterday are Abu Salomon and Eytan Heya, both serving life sentences for murder, and Avraham Behagan, serving an 18-year sentence for armed robbery. They are allegedly responsible for wounding the three warders during the riot.

Prison authorities refused to comment on reports that the three had had firearms.

Some of the warders at the prison believe the riot had been planned by the three. This, according to these warders, is the reason they panicked and took flight with a hostage.

As soon as the riot broke out, a pre-arranged plan was put into operation and within a half-hour the prison was surrounded by a 200-man force of warders from other prisons, policemen, and members of the border police. Prisons Commissioner Gundar Aryeh Nir was also on the scene quickly, to supervise negotiations with the three convicts. Mr. Nir told *The Jerusalem Post* that this quick action had helped to get the other prisoners to cool down and forget any "notions" they might have had.

Ramle Prison's warden, Elias Darnitzer, had stood near the barricade erected by the three convicts throughout the entire incident, continuously trying in a calm voice to persuade them to come out. His efforts finally paid off just before 10 a.m., yesterday, when the barricade came down.

4,000 HAVE QUIT

'Nurse shortage result of bad work conditions'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Victor Shemtov told the Knesset on Monday that the country's health services were short of at least 80 certificated hospital nurses — and that the shortage was mostly in the Government hospitals.

Opening a debate on an urgent motion for the agenda about the nurse shortage, the Minister said that at least 4,000 nurses had quit the profession in recent years and most of them had done so because of their dissatisfaction with wages and working conditions.

Unless these were bettered, he said, there would be no long-term solution to the shortage.

Hoop season opens tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Basketball League season starts tonight with 12 teams fighting for the championship, but none having to worry about relegation. There will be no relegation to League A at the end of this season.

Tipped to strongly challenge Tel Aviv Maccabi's perennial supremacy are Tel Aviv Hapoel, led this season by the giant (2.17m.) newcomer from the U.S. Dave Neumark, who is reputed to be an outstanding marksman.

Tonight's opening games are:
Givat Brenner-Naan Hapoel v. Haifa Hapoel
Kiryat Haim Hapoel v. Tel Aviv Maccabi
Ramat Gan Maccabi v. Jerusalem Hapoel
Jerusalem Betar v. Ramat Gan Hapoel
Nir David-Beit Alpha Hapoel v. Gvat-Yagur Hapoel
Megiddo Hapoel v. Tel Aviv Hapoel

Jerusalem Betar whip Haifa 2:0

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar yesterday defeated Haifa Maccabi 2:0 before 3,000 fans at the Capital's YMCA stadium, moving the Jerusalem team from 13th to 10th place in the National Soccer League.

Only some splendid goalkeeping by Haifa's Binyamin Weinberg saved the visitors from a much heavier defeat. Jerusalem Betar were on top throughout against a disorganized Haifa side that lacked any semblance of a goal-scoring attack.

The fans saw a poor game, but were rewarded with two fine goals. In the 34th minute David Ishay's sizzling shot rebounded off the crossbar, for Victor Levy to crack in the rebound. In the 64th minute the same player successfully completed a solo dribble by teammate Artzi Ben-Ya'acov. The result was never in doubt.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE on the Holy Spirit which brought over 4,000 overseas delegates to Jerusalem for three days of Christian fellowship closed at Binyenei Ha'ooma last night.

Eban may go to U.S. for meeting with Kissinger

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abba Eban may go to the U.S. next week — depending on the political situation in Israel by then. If he goes (he has an invitation to address Israel Bonds gatherings), he will meet in Washington with Secretary Kissinger to discuss the problems and prospects of Israel-Syria disengagement.

Official sources did not know yesterday whether, if Mr. Eban went, he would unfold Israel's detailed disengagement suggestions to the Secretary in the "proximity talks" which Dr. Kissinger plans for this month, or whether a military delegation would be dispatched to Washington to do this.

Dr. Kissinger has invited representatives of Israel and Syria to come to Washington later this month to present their disengagement suggestions to him. He hopes to find some common ground between them, which would enable him to draft a basic formula of his own. He proposes to return with this formula to the region at the end of March, with the aim of getting direct negotiations between Israel and Syria started.

Another visitor expected here is Austria's chancellor, Dr. Bruno Kreisky, who will be in Israel next week. He is due here in his capacity as a vice-president of the Socialist International, which is conducting a fact-finding survey on the Middle East conflict.

Dr. Kreisky will head a delegation comprising Socialist leaders from Germany, Sweden, France and Japan.

He will be the guest of Israel's Labour Party and will meet with the Party's head, Mrs. Golda Meir. He will probably also address the Party's leadership at Beit Berl in Tel Aviv.

The Government has invited the Prime Minister of Peru to come here on an official visit. The Prime Minister, Mr. Mercado Garin, has not yet replied to the invitation — and Foreign Ministry officials expressed concern that news of the invitation should have appeared in one of yesterday's afternoon papers. It seemed to have been leaked from within the Ministry.

Kibbutz *Dati* chides the NRP

The Kibbutz Dati, the kibbutz movement affiliated to the National Religious Party, has chided its parent body for choosing "the wrong time and the wrong methods" to try and get the "Who's a Jew" law about Halachic conversions to Judaism amended.

A resolution approved by the Kibbutz Dati secretariat at its meeting yesterday, which contained this rebuke, added that the kibbutz unit believed Halachic principles could only be applied to registration of religion and nationality in the State of Israel.

The resolution stressed that the kibbutz unit favoured a National Unity Government committed to the Geneva peace talks.

M.K.s table bill for direct mayoral elections

A private members' bill providing for the direct election of mayors was tabled in the Knesset on Monday. It is similar to legislation which seemed to stand a good chance in the last House but was defeated because of last minute objections by the Independent Liberals.

Sponsors of the bill include Mordechai Ben-Porat, Moshe Baram, Aharon Yadlin, Avraham Ofer, David Koren, and Yosef Sarid (Labour); Gideon Hausner (IL.P); Yigael Horowitz, Avraham Yoffe and Shmuel Tamir (Likud); Boaz Moav (Citizens Rights Movement) and Me'ir Pa'il (Moked).

Canadian mayors arrive

B.-G. AIRPORT. — The mayors of seven Canadian cities arrived here yesterday to encourage two-way tourism between Israel and Canada.

The mayors, who are guests of the Tourism Ministry and El Al, also hope to develop closer trade relations between the two countries. They include Pierre Benoit of Ottawa, Gilles Lamontagne of Quebec, Steven Juba of Winnipeg, Rod Sykes of Calgary, Mayor Sears of Saskatoon, Henry Baker of Regina, and Jane Bigelow of London, Ontario. The mayor of Halifax, who was to be in the delegation, had to cancel at the last minute because of elections in his city. *(Itim)*

A COLLECTION of 250 new American books on urban subjects has been put on display by the U.S. Cultural Centre at the Sharon Institute of Urbanology, 92 Sderot Hanassi, in Haifa. The exhibit is open until March 15, daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from 9 to 1 p.m.

Venezuelan editor and priest Mgr. Juan Francisco Hernandez (left), Director of the Catholic daily "La Religion," laying a wreath yesterday at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem. Mgr. Hernandez, one of a group of Latin American editors now touring Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* he could see there was now free access to all the Holy Places. (Rachamim Israeli)

Syrian PoW Dr. Haled Okasha shakes hands with Israeli Dr. Salman Weintraub, who was a PoW in Egypt, released in the recent exchange of prisoners. (Itamar Ben-Ari)

Delegation visits internment camp

Arab PoWs getting good treatment, hope to go home soon

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The condition of Arab soldiers interned at a PoW camp in the northern area is satisfactory, and their only wish is to return home as soon as possible, a delegation of representatives of the Israel Medical Association and Amnesty International found yesterday.

The five-man delegation included Prof. Shaul Feldman, of the Medical Association's Scientific Council, and Dr. Salman Weintraub, the Israel physician who was taken prisoner on the southern front and released in the recent exchange of prisoners with Egypt.

Syrian, Iraqi and Moroccan prisoners are held at the camp, among them Dr. Haled Okasha, the only Syrian medical officer in Israel captivity.

"We are satisfied that the treatment accorded to Dr. Okasha is good. He himself had no complaints," Prof. Feldman said after the visit.

(The Medical Association solicited support from physicians around the world for Charles Kovalsky, the Israel medical officer held prisoner in Syria. Confirmation of Kovalsky's PoW status was received just a week before the release of the PoW list by the Syrians.)

Dr. Weintraub said he and Dr. Okasha had shaken hands but had been unable to talk with one another because the prisoner only spoke Arabic. His clear impression was that Dr. Okasha was being well treated. "He's certainly treated better than I was by the Egyptians."

Dr. Okasha, conversing in Arabic with a *Jerusalem Post* reporter, said he had recently received three letters and several packages from his family in Syria. He was "killing time" by reading and playing games with his fellow prisoners. Dr. Okasha had no complaints against the camp commanders and his only wish was to return home as soon as possible.

"I don't know when that will be... I don't hear the radio news, but I know of the contacts between Israel and Syria on the separation of forces," he said.

HIGH COURT INTERIM ORDER

Rabbinate barred from 'political' intervention

The High Court of Justice yesterday granted a private citizen's request for an interim order barring the Chief Rabbinate and the Tel Aviv District Rabbinical Court from intervening in any way in matters connected with setting up a Government coalition.

Answering an application from Tel Aviv lawyer Shmuel Segal, Justice Moshe Etzioni also ordered the Rabbinical court to show cause why it should not cancel any decision it may have taken against the National Religious Party's joining the coalition. It also ordered both bodies to show cause why they should not refrain from discussing "the issue connected with the NRP's conditions for joining the coalition."

(The NRP has made its presence in the new coalition conditional on amending the Law of Return to recognize only orthodox conversions. The party actually settled the current legal problem on Sunday, when it quietly decided at a Jerusalem meeting that it would not appear before the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court. The court has been asked by a Bar-Ilan University student to issue a restraining order barring the party from joining the coalition unless it gets the Alignment's consent to amending the law; but the religious courts have no jurisdiction unless both sides agree to appear.)

Explaining his connection with the case, attorney Segal told the High Court yesterday that as a lawyer and a private citizen he had the same interest as any other citizen in seeing that the next Government is set up in a lawful manner, without the intervention of Rabbinical or other religious bodies. In a state ruled by law, he said, coalition membership was a matter for the parties to decide. The Chief Rabbinate and the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court had exceeded their defined authority by intervening in the matter, he alleged. *(Itim)*

Warning on Arab-Jewish jail riots

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Sixty Arab convicts in Shi prison near Afula have sent a c lective letter to the chairman of Knesset Interior Committee, Yi Tamir, asking him to take step influence the prison authoritie have them separated from the ish convicts.

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Nablus mayor resigns post

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NABLUS. — Mayor Haj Ma'az al-Masri yesterday submitted his signation to the local district M tary Governor, following a we long crisis between the Mayor several members in the city cou over a variety of municipal issu

West Bank Military Governm officials and a number of lo notables were maintaining cont with the Mayor in a bid to pursu him to withdraw his resignation. T Mayor yesterday led a rally, wh marched from the city hall to local military government he quarters in his support.

The 64-year-old businessma mayor attributed his walk-out "health reasons." He took over fice from Mayor Hamdi Kan'an years ago, following the latter's signation under similar circu stances. Haj al-Masri was re-ele to office in May, 1971, after gain ing the majority of the city's 7, eligible votes.

Beirut paper scores Raya for statement on Jerusalem

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The Leban newspaper "Al-Moharrer" yeste appealed to Greek Catholic P triarch Maximos V of Antioch a all the Orient to investigate A bishop Joseph Raya's statement Jerusalem, which was quoted in T *Jerusalem Post* on Monday.

"Al-Moharrer" called on the P triarch to ask Archbishop Ra head of the Greek Catholic Chu in Southern Lebanon and Isra about his statement that he rega ed the future of Jerusalem as political and not a religious qu tion, and that while he could t no official stand on the questi "deep in my heart, I feel it (Je salem) is and should be Jewish

"Al-Moharrer" said the Patriar should not allow Archbishop Ra to return to Haifa if it was est lished that he made the statem

Today's Postbags

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Kahane: will 'unmask' establishment at trial

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane yesterday said he would use his forthcoming trial "to unmask the Israel Government's attempt to sabotage the fight for Russian Jewry."

Speaking to reporters at Beit Sokolow here, Rabbi Kahane said the trial — which begins next Sunday — involves two charges against him: that he tried through letters to persons in New York to wreck the U.S. visit of Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev; and that he had tried to injure Israel's relations with a friendly country (the U.S.).

He would admit the charges, he said, but deny any wrong-doing. Referring to the Kastner Case (a libel trial over charges that a wartime Hungarian Jewish leader had connived with the Nazis to save a group of his friends and relatives), he said he would try to show that now just as during World War II the Jewish establishment was trying to stifle the struggle of the Jews in order not to endanger relations with foreign powers.

Among the witnesses the defence would call, he said, will be Foreign Minister Abba Eban, former Israel Consul Yoram Dinstein, and many Soviet Jewish immigrants. The immigrants, he said, will tell the court that Israeli diplomats pressured Jews who sought aid from the Moscow consulate before 1967 against making the struggle for emigration to Israel public. Mr. Dinstein, he charged, had, while Israel Counsul in the U.S., blocked attempts by Soviet immigrants to appear before U.S. Jewish groups during a tour they made to arouse interest in the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Rabbi Kahane said he had been offered a deal by the prosecution — it would not ask for a jail sentence if he did not turn the trial into a political one. He had rejected this on the spot, he said.

He said that once the trial is over he would use his U.S. passport — returned to him only after he staged a hunger strike — for a trip to America to arouse the Jews there.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our mother
THEKLA GOLDSCHMIDT
Mourned by her son Yehuda and family

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother
Sabta Irma Tzipora Bernhardt
who died peacefully in her eightieth year, after a blessed life.
The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, March 6, 1974, at 3.30 p.m., in Kibbutz Hanita.
The Family
Kibbutz Hanita

Land round Old City now National Park

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday officially declared a 1,100-dunam area surrounding Jerusalem's Old City as a National Park. The Minister said he was acting in response to requests by the Ministers of Education and of Religious Affairs, who wanted to preserve Jerusalem's unique character. Work will begin soon on planning the area, which includes the Ben-Hinnom Valley, Mishkemot Sha'ananim, the City of David, the Ofel, the eastern slope of the Temple Mount and all the land along the course of the City wall.

Jerusalem man, 70, killed in crash

RAMLE. — A Jerusalem man was killed and four members of his family injured in a collision between two cars at the Lod-Jerusalem intersection of the Ramle by-pass late Monday night.

The man, Zalman Simhayoff, 70, was a passenger in the the car driven by his 28-year-old son. The other car was driven by a Petah Tikva resident. Both drivers were detained for questioning. *(Itim)*

Winning Lotto numbers

TEL AVIV. — The winning numbers in this week's Lotto lottery are: 11, 12, 13, 18, 35, 37. The additional number is 21.

LABOUR DEBATE

(Continued from page one)

lationship and a lot more mutual tolerance than what exists now," he declared.

"The Labour Party has people which perhaps no other party has. But they must be able to work together as a congenial group, in a certain climate of understanding."

Peres recalled that until the day the Rabbinate did not allow the NRP to join the coalition two weeks ago, he had been convinced by Mrs. Meir and Alignment Knesset faction chairman Moshe Baram, that a minority government of 58, or even a narrow coalition of 61 (with the ILP and the Citizens Rights Movement) were undesirable. He and Dayan nevertheless committed Rafi on the spot to vote in the Knesset for a minority government when Mrs. Meir asked for their opinion — although they themselves would not join the Cabinet. "Why then, are we being asked ever since, 'Will you or will you not vote for the government'?"

The case for a national emergency government rested on the fact that any government will have to impose a heavy burden on the nation, and it would be politically wiser to share the onus with others — "or we shall be faced with a popular protest vote at the end of the next four years." He had no fear that he would lose his own political identity in a broad coalition — "I am a Labour movement product and will remain with Labour."

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon firmly rejected the idea of forming a national emergency government with Likud. "The question was whether these two horses — one pulling to the right and one pulling to the left — could lead the carriage that is the State of Israel in these trying times."

He failed to understand why a government of the Alignment with the NRP and the Independent Liberals was less "national" than a government that included the Likud. "We in the Labour Party at least should not be dragged into using such jargon."

Allon called on Dayan and peres to gloss over injuries incurred in carrying out their party duties. "Who has not been slandered at one time or another in the course of doing these duties? Ben-Gurion was, and Eshkol and Golda Meir at times. Even Pinhas Lavon had to expiate for a mishap he knew nothing about. Nobody is a maryr."

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir appealed to all sections of the party to lend their support for the government Mrs. Meir wished to form now. He was confident that it would not be long before the NRP would also join, giving the coalition 68 votes in the Knesset.

"The crucial problems facing us make it mandatory to form a government forthwith. Let us all rise to the occasion," he urged. There were minority governments in a number of stable democracies, which governed with determination, he recalled.

Sapir also firmly rejected the proposal to form a national emergency coalition with Likud, because Labour could not remain the dominant factor in such a government.

He denied having been a factor in estranging the Rafi memb in the party. "The '14 point' P gramme which the Labour Pa adopted before the elections w based on a draft presented by G Ya'acobi (of Rafi)," he recalled.

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Rejecting a coalition with Likud Rabin said the new governme must be ready to "re-examine estab lished positions and show a great deal of flexibility, because of th spark of hope for a settlement o even peace that came in the wak of the Yom Kippur war." This wa not the case after the 1967 Six Da War.

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'Change the system,' ex-paratroopers urge

TEL AVIV. — A group of demobilized paratroopers yesterday announced they will organize a non-partisan movement to press for changes in the country's political system and attitudes.

The six ex-paratroopers, with reserve ranks ranging from Rav-Turai (Corporal) to Seren (Captain), spoke at a press conference in Beit Sokolow. Their chairman, Yiftah Gutman — a film production manager — said they had become convinced of the need for changes in the many discussions they held during 140 days on active duty under the mango trees west of the Suez Canal.

The changes, outlined by Ron Livneh, include revising the electoral system to allow closer contact between the electorate and its representatives. Livneh, a sales representative in civilian life, said the group would also press for laws limiting politicians to two terms in the Cabinet and three in the Knesset; an independent and non-political system of economic and defence critique; and to create political pressures which would force the "higher-ups" to carry out the will of the people. The political parties, under the new system, would have to hold primary elections, in order to get their mandate from their entire membership.

Asa Kadmony, a former merchant sailor, pointed out that the group opposes a tendency among both left- and right-wing parties to equate their interests with those of the State. New elections must be held, he said, since the last elections were imposed on the country by politicians who wanted to save their jobs, in conjunction with an opposition which merely wished to gain a few Knesset seats.

Other members of the group, which said it intended to organize a mass demonstration in Tel Aviv, complained about "mishandling" of the problems faced by demobilized soldiers, especially by what they called inconsiderate Government clerks. These, they said, show no consideration to soldiers either while the latter are on active duty or after they are discharged.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, the National Insurance Institute announced yesterday that it will stop accepting applications for loans to self-employed reservists as of Sunday, March 10. Applications received until that date will be processed, but loans from then on will be handled by the Commerce and Industry Ministry, through the newly established centres for dealing with discharged soldiers. During the time the Institute functioned, the loan fund processed 13,000 applications. Of these it approved 10,000, granting loans totalling IL60m. (Itim)

Members of the Zvi Menzin family in Jerusalem and volunteers preparing some of the 5,000 Purim gifts for soldiers in Sinai. (Rahamim Israeli)

FAMILY PREPARES PURIM GIFTS

Hamentaschen bagged for soldiers in Sinai

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The usually tidy apartment of the Zvi Menzin family in Jerusalem's Rehavia quarter was a bustling factory yesterday as volunteers prepared 5,000 *mishloach manot* (Purim gifts) for soldiers in Sinai.

"It was the idea of the National Religious Women's Organization next door, and I got drawn into it," said Mrs. Menzin as she stood amid heaps of sunflower seed shells and cardboard boxes on her living room floor.

Fifty schoolchildren (many of them friends of her five children), yeshiva students, soldiers and Russian immigrants from an old age home have been assembling the holiday goodies around the clock since Sunday with assembly-line precision. About 180 kilos of salted sunflower seeds was sifted and bagged, and hamentaschen (Haman's ears), gum, hard candy and a printed explanation of the holiday were added one at a time. Some of the high school girls quietly slipped hand-lettered messages into the plastic bags to give them a personal touch.

Mr. Menzin, a toy manufacturer who immigrated with his family from New York in 1972, claimed responsibility for the efficiency of the hard-working crew. "I had years of experience supervising the packing of Christmas stockings at my toy factory in Brooklyn," he said with some irony.

The group collected IL6,000 from people as far away as the U.S. and Switzerland, plus Israeli friends and neighbours. Pupils from the Ma'ale High School donated IL600.

Mr. Menzin will deliver the surprise package, made a little thinner after surreptitious *noshing* by Barney, the family's Arab dog, and hungry volunteers. He received authorization by the Army Chaplaincy to distribute the package today and Thursday by car and truck.

"I hope we can clean up the mess in time for our Purim meal," said Mrs. Menzin. "We hope that when we do this again next year, there won't be any soldiers at the front."

A similar package-packing operation took place yesterday in an apartment at Rehov Mishmar Hagvul in Ramat Eshkol. Over 3,000 *mishloach manot*, put together by schoolchildren and immigrants from the U.S., will be delivered to army troops in time for Purim.

Partial customs strike at BG Airport

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Workers in the customs shed here, who on Monday morning staged a two-hour warning strike to back up their pay demands, yesterday stopped receiving the public before 11 a.m.

The men, who are demanding the same pay as income-tax employees, said the sanctions were part of a nation-wide action decided on last week by their national committee. The action will continue until next Monday, when the national committee will meet to decide on its next step.

Meanwhile, the customs inspectors in the passenger terminal were continuing with work as usual. The head of their committee said they had decided to act with restraint in order not to harm tourism. But they have told their management that they too may take action if they do not get a satisfactory answer to their demands within the next three days. (Itim)

Wear the best; buy where it costs less
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SUIT FABRICS IL 61
PANTS FABRICS IL 28
Jercoli knit fashions 20 Homa Umigdal st. Tel Aviv (corner to Hamasger)

Azbel ends fast after 17 days

MOSCOW. — Jewish professor Dr. David Azbel has ended a fast he began 17 days ago to draw attention to the Soviet refusal to grant him an exit visa for Israel, Jewish sources reported on Sunday night.

The sources reported that the Jewish professor called off the hunger strike he began in his Moscow apartment on February 15. They said he did so on a doctor's order.

Dr. Azbel, 63, subsisted on a diet of mineral water and was endangering his health.

Ida Nudel, a Jewish woman who began a fast for the same reasons on February 22, also has ended her silent protest on medical advice.

In a joint statement, the two Moscow Jews said they had not obtained permission to emigrate, but they claimed victory because "we have won world sympathy and support."

They urged the world to disbelieve Kremlin "demagogy" about the status of Soviet Jews, and they said the Government should be judged by its acts.

Western diplomatic sources said on Sunday that the number of Jews allowed to emigrate to Israel dropped by 20 per cent in the first two months of this year, as compared with the same period last year, when a so-called "education tax" was still in effect. (AP, UPI)

Pension plan launched for small shopkeepers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— A pension plan for the small shopkeeper was launched yesterday by the 22,000-member National Union of Merchants, in conjunction with Bank Hapoalim. The scheme is open to anyone in the country who is self-employed and has no other pension plan.

Details of the plan were given yesterday by Eytan Avniyon, Yoram Ravin, and Avraham Hassman of Bank Hapoalim, and Ya'acov Israeli, Secretary-General of the union.

Under the plan, each member is also insured for the entire amount of his savings, i.e., if he dies, his widow not only gets the benefits of the pension, but also a life insurance payment equivalent to the pension. The premium is paid only once a year, in any month selected by the participant, and not 12 times a year. The funds are linked to the Cost-of-Living Index, and bear 5.5 per cent interest; and the premium must be increased by five per cent each year to compensate for the rising cost-of-living.

The participants are divided into four age groups: 40 or under, who pay IL600 a year; 41-50, who pay IL1,200 a year; 51-55, who pay IL1,800 a year; and 55-66, who pay IL2,400 a year.

Upon reaching retirement age — 65 for men, 60 for women — the participants can then choose from among several options on the means of payment: as a lump sum; monthly payments for 10 or 15 years; or various combinations of these options.

The pension itself will be paid in addition to the National Insurance monthly allowance, and will be exempt from income tax until the participant reaches the age of 80. Then at the age, of 80, he must pay income tax on it, according to Finance Ministry regulations.

The participants will receive IL100 a month for each IL14,500 saved.

Kinneret rising to normal level

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Experts at Mekorot, the national water company, expect Lake Kinneret to be brimful by the end of this rainy season — one of the best in many years, a company spokesman said last night.

The rainfall during the past few days has added an extra 1.6 million cubic metres of water to the reservoir, raising its level to 210.46 metres, or only 80 cms. under its maximum storage capacity. The mineral content has also improved, and it now registers 232 miligrams per litre.

Some 180 million cubic metres — or approximately half the total annual delivery capacity of the national water carrier, has been stored in the lake.

March is normally a particularly rain-heavy month for the northern parts of the country. Last weekend's yields of 60-80 mm. were typical and more are expected.

Because of the saturated state of the soil, most of the rains over the northern watershed areas ended up in the lake as run-off, the spokesman said.

Earlier this week, the head of Mekorot's engineering division, Mr. Shmuel Kantor, estimated this year's rain yield at 20-30 per cent above average.

More money for tennis winners

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) is to award prize money totalling $4,500 in the coming seventh annual international spring circuit. This opens with the Passover International Championships in Tel Aviv, from April 5-13, and continues with invitation tournaments in Haifa and Jerusalem.

The one previous time the ILTA has given out prize money was at the Passover meet of the 1971 circuit, when some $3,000 was awarded to male entries from abroad only. However, the new scheme is far more extensive, covering all players. The exclusion of Israeli players three years ago caused a storm of protest from local entries).

National tennis coach Ian Froman, who is coordinating the spring circuit programme, said yesterday that about 16 men and women from overseas — mainly Australia, South Africa, West Germany and the U.S.—will be competing against local players for the cash awards. Top prize is $1,000 for the men's singles winner at the Passover tournament, with $400 going to the runner-up. The woman champion will pick up only $250, in line with the much smaller prizes going to the ladies throughout the circuit.

Following the pattern all over the world, it is now planned to award prize money at all future international tennis meets here, ILTA chairman Avram Feiger said last night. This was absolutely necessary if players of calibre were to be attracted to Israel in the future.

Meanwhile, Israel's top woman player, Paulina Peisachov, recently won the indoor championships at Orebro, Sweden, the third leg of the prestigious Scandinavian "Bolltex" international tennis circuit. Paulina, 23, had earlier also taken the singles title in Stockholm in the circuit's opening meet, and won the doubles at the Scandinavian indoor championships in Oslo.

Yom Kippur war left 810 widows

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The October War left 810 widows, Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig said on Monday. He was replying in the Knesset to a parliamentary question by Hillel Seidel (Independent Liberals).

Of this number, 300 had been released from the status of *aguna* (a woman who cannot remarry because there is no confirmation of her husband's presumed death). A special rabbinical court, headed by Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, had been set up to deal with this problem, and was expected to complete its work within four months. Dr. Warhaftig did not say how many *aguna* cases were still pending.

HAIFA ALSO GETS ANONYMOUS GIFT

Convalescent home for Jerusalem spurred by IL11m. in contributions

Jerusalem Post Staff

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir on Monday announced plans to establish a convalescent and rehabilitation home in the Jerusalem area for disabled soldiers. Part of the estimated IL30m. cost has been defrayed by an anonymous donor, who has already contributed IL8.5m. An additional IL2.7m. has been raised by a Protestant sect, headed by Mr. William Malgo.

Mr. Malgo, currently leading a group of 350 Protestant visitors to Israel, told Mr. Sapir that members of his group would continue their efforts to raise money for the project.

The convalescent centre, which is to be modelled after Beit Kaye in Nahariya, will be built on land to be appropriated by the Jerusalem Municipality. The Government will give a matching grant for the project.

Mr. Sapir said that construction will begin shortly. The centre will be equipped with all facilities necessary for the rehabilitation of the disabled, including a swimming pool and the latest physiotherapy equipment.

In Haifa, another benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous has donated $1m. to the city for any public purpose the Municipality considers desirable. Mayor Almogi said this week he proposed spending the money on housing for demobilized soldiers and for large families who could not afford homes of their own.

A two-storey house on Central Carmel bequeathed to the city by a private family as a memorial is to be used as a guest house for distinguished visitors. The Electric Corporation is donating two recreation parks for children, one to be set up in Kiryat Haim West and the other between Kiryat Sprinzak and Mahaneh David.

The city's undertakings in the domain of housing for young couples who registered under municipal auspices in 1973 will be honoured, the city spokesman has announced. Future policy with regard to such housing is to be reviewed when the 1973 programme is completed.

A liaison office for national and international conventions in the city will be created jointly by the municipality, the Tourism Ministry and local bodies. The arrangement of such events in Haifa needs stimulation and some priming investment, the Mayor said.

In order to obtain more urgently needed space for the city offices, the Municipal Executive has decided to find out whether the Haifa University could offer temporary premises to the two city museums of Ancient and Modern Art, now housed in the Town Hall building. Mayor Almogi said he did not favour Ramat Hadar as the site of a future Central Museum.

One million pounds are to be spent on the construction or completion of a variety of religious institutions and facilities throughout the town.

Mr. Almogi has decided to use a smaller car instead of the large American models used by previous mayors.

IMPORTS EXCEED EXPORTS BY 2:1

Record trade deficit seen for 1974

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Israel's foreign trade deficit is going to top a record $3,000m. this wear. Exports will cover barehalf an import bill of $6,000m., official sources say.

This is one of the first problems to be faced by the new Government when it is formed.

The above import figure includes "special defence acquisitions" to be financed with the aid of the U.S. Government. Tables recently published by a committee under Professor Michael Bruno (which has been reporting to the Economic Advisory Council on economic developments in 1974) omit this special arms purchase — but include an imputed $520m. of "ordinary" defence imports that Israel will finance out of her own resources. (It is the same figure as appears for last year.)

On this reckoning, the trade deficit will reach $2,400m., as against $1,720m. in 1973. As capital imports (from Bonds, the UJA, German restitutions and investments in Israel) are not expected to attain that figure, the country's foreign exchange reserves are going to sag during the present year.

The long-term trend until recently has been that exports grew, in percentage terms, faster than imports. According to the most recent five-year plan (for 1972-76), imports were billed to increase by eight per cent annually, and exports by 14 per cent. The trade deficit was supposed to narrow fom $1,197m. in 1971 to $950m. in 1976.

In fact, the trade gap widened in 1973. The deficit would have increased by $550m. even if there had been no war. Calculations based on the first nine months (before the October hostilities) show that exports were rising by 30 per cent — and imports by 37 per cent. (Net of price inflation, the increase was 10 and 20 per cent respectively.)

Therefore the trade balance has been deteriorating for reasons unconnected with the fighting. The effect of the war was to reduce both exports and imports somewhat, leaving a similar net result. Exports (during the whole of 1973) rose by $394m., imports by $1,008m.

The terms of trade are moving adversely. The Bruno report assumes that the average price rise will be eight per cent for exports in 1974, and 15 per cent for imports — excluding oil. The higher tariff for oil purchases will eat up an extra $375m. Thus the price explosion is costing Israel $800m. net this year, over and above last year's round of price increases.

The other cause of swollen imports was demand inflation in January-September 1973. And although private consumption has been cut since the war began, this is offset by a vast increase in military expenditure.

The most urgent remedy is to restore the growth-rate of exports. The projected 15 per cent increase in volume terms, as laid down in the five-year plan, would mean a 25 per cent increase in dollar terms. This compares with a predicted rise this year (according to the most optimistic assumptions) of 15 per cent only, compared with all 1973 — and a mere five per cent, compared with the export target that was being achieved before the war broke out.

Unpublished figures in the Bank of Israel's Research Department show that the profitability of exports has decined. An index was devised, based on the ratio of export earnings to production costs. It shows that between 1966 and 1970 the gain factor improved by 28 per cent (due to price stability at the time, the 1967 devaluation, and export-promoting tax refunds by the Government). Between 1970 and the second quarter of 1973, the ratio remained static.

But since then, the index shows a fall of seven per cent in export profitability — despite the recent new tax refund of 21 agorot a dollar.

Government economists strongly recommend that the export business be made not just as profitable as before, but more remunerative still; because, as one of them told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, "We have to increase our share in world trade, even if that trade is contracting — as is likely to happen." In order to achieve the necessary investment and growth in exports, it is necessary to leash inflation too.

If private consumption is not frozen this year and next, the foreign exchange reserves may decline to danger point in 1975, threatening an economic slowdown.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING
SALE (Dwellings) LAW 1973

POSTPONEMENT OF APPLICATION OF LAW UNTIL AUGUST 1,1974

In Kovetz Hatakanot No. 3120 of January 24, 1974, a form for recording specifications, in accordance with the requirements of the above law, was published by the Minister of Housing, in addition to the Sales Order, Dwellings (specification form).

Any person who has built a dwelling, or is about to build a dwelling for purposes of sale and any person who sells a dwelling purchased for purposes of resale must attach to the deed of sale a specification form similar to the above form and must give a copy thereof to the purchaser. The seller must fill in all the particulars in the specification form accurately and in detail, and if any particular does not apply to any specific apartment, the seller should indicate this.

If the seller of a dwelling in a cooperative house or in a block of apartments which is to be registered as a cooperative house intends to cancel or change a provision in the standard (model) rules of the cooperative house with respect to the exclusion of part of the common property, or with respect to the part of the common property linked to a particular dwelling, or with respect to participation in the expenses of the cooperative house and the necessary services, or with respect to the manner in which resolutions regarding the management of the cooperative house should be passed, he shall include such change in the specification or attach details thereof to the deed of sale.

Members of the public are asked to familiarize themselves with the Law and the above Order, and with the specification form.

Since organizational difficulties have come to light in applying the specification published in the addition to the Order, which calls for the completion of dozens of technical details, the date on which the Order will come into effect has been postponed until August 1, 1974.

Flats for T.A. young couples to be allocated by raffle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Raffles will be held soon to allocate 1,500 flats for young couples who registered before the war for municipal housing programmes. Although the couples had registered and paid the first instalment on their apartments, the flats have not yet been allocated.

Deputy Mayor Perez Unikovsky, who is in charge of the Housing portfolio, will send letters to the 1,500 couples to inform them of the raffle dates, and of changes in the financial arrangements due to the economic developments in the recent months. The prices are almost certain to rise, although the Municipality says that its aim is to make things as easy as possible for the couples.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat said recently that in the future the city will not be able to undertake such large housing projects. Housing, he said, is and ought to be a Government responsibility, and it is unfair to ask the cities with their meagre incomes to engage in such costly ventures.

Mr. Lahat said, however, that the new municipal administration will honour all commitments made by the outgoing administration, and will therefore see to it that the 1,500 young couples get their flats.

Mr. Lahat also announced that the city would be tightening its belt this year. One of the results is that the usual Mayor's Independence Day reception in the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds will be cancelled this year. This reception costs some IL50,000. It will be replaced by an open house in City Hall.

Coloured challah tops menu at rainbow feast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Multicoloured challah, lemon-yellow wine and blue spaghetti with red cheese sauce will be featured at a "happening" this evening at the Israel Museum.

The happening, known as an "Edible Rainbow Feast," is being directed by Peter Kuttner, a young British artist who is presently a volunteer at Kibbutz Mizra. The polychrome food is one aspect of Kuttner's desire to change the environment.

The event, scheduled for six p.m., will be accompanied by slides, films and a talk by the artist.

B'nai B'rith men here to plan convention

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Three senior representatives of B'nai B'rith Jewish fraternal organization arrived here on Monday to make arrangements for the organization's convention this fall. The convention was to have taken place in London, but the site was changed to protest Britain's foreign policy and show solidarity with Israel.

The planning group is composed of David M. Blumberg, President of World B'nai B'rith, Martin Gluchow, chairman of the convention, and Yale Goldberg, B'nai B'rith administrative director. Barney Simon, the organization's public relations director, has been in the country for seven days.

The convention, which is to last 10 days, will bring to Israel 1,500 delegates from all over the world

MINISTRY OF HOUSING
Registrar of Contractors
Jerusalem

REGISTRATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Pursuant to the Registration of Contractors for Civil Engineering Works (Amendment) Law, 1972, and the Order and Amendments published in Kovetz Hatakanot No. 3134 of February 21, 1974, registration has started of subcontractors who undertake work of a scope of IL25,000 and above (at one site).

The categories of subcontractors who are required to register are as follows:

a. BUILDING
1. Earthworks, quarrying and rock breaking.
2. Piledriving and drilling
3. Concreting, prestressed concrete work, stone work and construction
4. Prefabricated construction
5. Steel structures and frameworks
6. Electrical work
7. Cooling, heating, and air conditioning
8. Lifts and escalators
9. Sanitary installations and cess pits

b. ROADWORKS
1. Earthworks, quarrying and rock breaking
2. Asphalt work
3. Concrete conveying

c. BRIDGES
1. Concreting and prestressed concrete work
2. Steel structures
3. Piledriving and drilling

d. SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE
1. Pipe laying
2. Channel construction

e. WATER WORKS
1. Pumps and turbines

f. HARBOURS
1. Wharfs
2. Quays and breakwaters
3. Causeways
4. Removal of underwater rocks

Application forms for registration and classification, and assistance in filling in the forms can be obtained at the office of the Registrar of Contractors, 22 Rehov Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, Tel. 69884, Sunday to Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

These are also available at any branch of the Ministry of Housing, and at offices of the Central Union of Artisans and Small Manufacturers Association.

The attention of subcontractors is drawn to the fact that the execution of work in any of the above branches by a contractor who has not registered in accordance with the Law will constitute an offence, from the date the Law comes into effect — January 1, 1975 — and offenders will be prosecuted.

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RUSSIA MOVES TO COUNTER PRO-U.S. SWING IN MIDEAST

By K. C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — Russia has offered Arab leaders long-term assistance and political backing to undercut the growing pro-American swing in the region, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

This strategy is part of the current intensive propoganda drive of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei I. Gromyko in his high level talks in Cairo and Damascus, they said.

Officially, the Russians agree with the Americans on Middle East peace. But Moscow was said to be worried over the unexpected success of U.S Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's effort in the major Arab capitals where the thaw has gone too quickly. The Kremlin is especially worried about developments in Cairo, whose swing toward the U.S. is causing outright anxiety in the Soviet Union, according to the sources.

Communist diplomats in private talks have left little doubt lately about their unease over the seemingly close personal relationship between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Kissinger.

They have also shown themselves "surprised" by the extent to which American and other Western, including British assistance has been envisaged by Arab leaders in the clearing operations of the Suez Canal and the subsequent expansion of the international waterway, and the projected major oil pipeline parallel to it.

There has been no indication whether and to what extent the Russians have been asked to participate as well. They were understood to have now offered, or possibly asked to participate.

Another worry for the Russians, according to the sources, is the swing toward the expansion of private enterprise development in Cairo for the post-war reconstruction period.

Gromyko, according to the informants, received goodwill assurances from Sadat for continuing friendly relations between Cairo and Moscow, but not a blank commitment affording the Soviet direct influence as in times past.

Soviet Party secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev plans to visit Cairo some time this year in anticipation of a possible visit of President Nixon to demonstrate to the Arab world that all is well between Egypt and Russia.

At the same time, Russia was said to be pressing Syria to cooperate in the current Middle East peace effort. Moscow wants Syria at the Geneva peace conference and wants this conference to get under way as soon as possible. It is there that Moscow reportedly hopes to be able to exert more and more visible influence in the future of the Middle East.

Moscow also can be expected, according to the informants, to try to exert more influence later through the Palestinians, with whom it is now in direct contact, urging the establishment of an agreed front that could participate in the Geneva settlement.

Gromyko in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived here from Cairo yesterday on his second visit to Syria within a week.

His scheduled talks with Syrian leaders today are expected to centre on U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's efforts to disengage Syrian and Israeli forces.

Gromyko's discussions in Damascus last week apparently were incomplete because Syria was then preoccupied with Kissinger's efforts.

Meanwhile, a joint communique issued in Cairo yesterday after Gromyko's five-day visit said Egypt and the Soviet Union consider the just completed Egyptian-Israeli troop disengagement as only a first step towards complete settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Dutch may extradite hijackers to UK for fear of reprisals

AMSTERDAM. — Holland — already subject to an Arab oil embargo — would rather extradite two hijackers to Britain than try them here with the risk of raising new Arab antagonism, it is believed in informed quarters here.

But so far, although there have been contacts between the two governments, Britain has not asked for the two men who hijacked a British Airways VC-10 on Sunday and then set it on fire after forcing it to land at Schiphol International Airport.

The two men — who have identified themselves as Abou Said and Abou Ali — were still being interrogated yesterday by Dutch officials in Haarlem. The airport comes under Haarlem jurisdiction.

Dutch legal sources said that while air piracy of a British plane would be answerable in Britain, the men broke Dutch law by setting the plane on fire here after letting the 92 passengers and crew run for their lives.

Dutch officials have admitted their obligation under the 1970 Hague Air Piracy Treaty either to try the men here or deport them to Britain, and that they realise the risk of reprisals attached to the presence of the two hijackers in the country.

The Dutch News Agency ANP reported yesterday that a man claiming to represent "The Palestine Youth Organisation" had telephoned it and warned the government to expect "the severest action" if the two men were handed over to Britain.

He told the agency he had arrived in Holland yesterday from West Germany with several "fellow students" to find out "what is likely to happen to our friends."

Several Beirut newspapers yesterday published a statement by the terrorist group behind the hijacking which said: "We hold the Dutch Government fully responsible for whatever may happen to our comrades." The statement carried the signature of the "Arab Nationalist Youth for the Liberation of Palestine."

The statement said the VC-10 attack was a reprisal for "Britain's crimes against Palestine, beginning with the Balfour Declaration that promised Jews a homeland in Palestine."

It called current efforts to settle the Middle East conflict "defeatist solutions" and declared its determination to "carry on the Palestinian struggle until victory or death."

The two hijackers held in Amsterdam were earlier reported to have told Dutch authorities their group planned to stage additional attacks on British and American planes.

Meanwhile, another terrorist group warned Egypt yesterday against permitting a trial on its territory of the five gunmen who fire-bombed a Pan-American World Airways jetliner in Rome last December, killing 31 persons.

The Beirut newspaper "Al Liwa" said it received the warning in a letter signed "Brothers of the Heroes of the Rome Operation."

The letter called on the Egyptian Government to return the five to Kuwait and accused Kuwait of "breaking its word of honour to host the Rome operation heroes."

In London yesterday a snap strike by stewards and stewardesses demanding more protection against hijacking was to halt all British Airways intercontinental flights for at least three hours.

A British Pilots spokesman warned that the stoppage could mushroom into an international pilots strike after yesterday's meeting in Venezuela of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Association, which has hijacking at the top of its agenda.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

Selassie promises reforms

ADDIS ABABA (Reuter). — Emperor Haile Selassie last night promised major constitutional reforms to his troubled kingdom, rocked last week by a military uprising. The 81-year-old Emperor announced in a televised broadcast to the nation that he had ordered his new Prime Minister to convene a constitutional conference on implementation of the reforms.

These reforms would make the Prime Minister responsible to Parliament, speed up the process of land and establish further safeguards for the civil rights of the 25 million Ethiopians, he said.

In the uprising, troops called for political reforms as well as a settlement of their own grievances over pay and conditions.

The unrest caused the fall of a government that had ruled for more than 10 years and led the Emperor to appoint Endalkatchew Makonnen as Ethiopia's new premier.

The Emperor dealt only with the issue of constitutional reform and did not touch on trades unions demands for higher pay and new labour laws that have led to a call for a general strike by 80,000 workers beginning on Thursday.

In another development, the government announced that it had set up a special committee to investigate the cause of a riot at Addis Ababa jail on Monday in which 36 people were killed or wounded.

Armed clashes continue in Cordoba

CORDOBA, Argentina (Reuter). — The Argentine government yesterday moved a step closer to taking over the administration of Cordoba province after another night of armed clashes between leftists and rightists in this industrial city.

In Buenos Aires, 700 kilometres southeast of here, the Senate approved a bill providing for a federal takeover of the provincial administration, but progress in the lower house, the Chamber of Deputies, could be slower.

There was heavy firing here for the fourth successive night, but no casualties were reported.

The six-day crisis here has claimed at least seven dead and 20 wounded since a police revolt last week aimed at ousting leftwing provincial governor Ricardo Obregon Cano.

Priests say IRA using children as killers

BELFAST (UPI). — Roman Catholic priests in Northern Ireland yesterday sought an end to the recruitment of children as killers for the Irish Republican Army.

In pulpits across the province, they said youths only 13 and 14 years old were now being trained as gunmen by the Provisional Wing of the IRA, which has suffered severe manpower shortages in recent months.

The priests said the Catholic community should reject both the gunmen and their practice of using children to do their work.

Catholic Bishop William J. Philbin said in a sermon at St. Patrick's Cathedral: "The individuals who are organizing these murders and training children to do them will answer to God and be punished."

The Bishop's pulpit call came less than a week after a policeman protecting the Cathedral from bomb attacks by Protestant militants was killed by three youths in their early teens.

In his address, the Bishop noted that he had been among the Catholics who requested that police be assigned to the neighbourhood to protect the community from Protestant gunmen.

"The teen-age murderers and their masters do not realize what they are doing to this community," he said.

Security sources have frequently said the age level of the typical IRA gunmen has been steadily declining in recent months. Many of these gunmen are only about 14 years old and one more than 20 years old is an oddity, they said.

Bishop Philbin said this practice should stop and asked the community to turn away from the gunmen.

"The children are recruited and taken to places where they are trained to kill," he said. "Then they attend meetings of the IRA where they are sworn to secrecy and told not to tell their parents or even their priests."

Hearing today on secret report on Watergate

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon is still convinced he will not be impeached by Congress, will disclose his position on a sealed grand jury report on the Watergate affair at a public hearing today, a presidential spokesman said yesterday.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the President was still convinced he would not be impeached by the Democratic-controlled Congress.

As for the grand jury report, Ziegler said Nixon's chief Watergate counsel, James D. St. Clair, "will outline our position" at a hearing today called by Judge John Sirica. Attorneys from Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski's staff also will be on hand.

The grand jury's secret report is said to deal with the President's handling of the Watergate scandal.

Jaworski has told Judge Sirica he expects about a dozen more major indictments from Watergate grand juries this month and next, the "Washington Star-News" said yesterday.

The newspaper said the information was contained in a memorandum Sirica circulated on Monday to each of the 14 other district judges here.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said yesterday that if the House impeaches Nixon, the Senate would begin to try him "right away" and lay aside all legislation except vital appropriations bills.

He said a trial would take about two months because "it would have to be thoroughly aired."

(AP, UPI)

U.S. road deaths decline due to petrol shortage

CHICAGO (AP). — Fewer Americans were killed in traffic accidents in January than in any other January in the last decade, the U.S. National Safety Council reported on Monday.

"We believe the fuel shortage had a great deal to do with this reduction in highway deaths," said Vincent Tofany, president of the Council.

"In fact, the reduction corresponds almost exactly with an estimate for decreased fatalities our statisticians made at the onset of the energy crunch last November," he said.

Tofany said the November study estimated that traffic fatalities might be reduced by 20 to 25 per cent because of lower speeds and reduced driving.

The Council reported 3,020 traffic deaths for the first month of this year which was the lowest figure for a January since 1963 when 2,695 deaths were reported. Last year, the January total was 4,020.

Pope may be questioned on 'Massacre in Rome'

ROME (UPI). — Defence lawyers for American author Robert Katz yesterday asked a Rome court to question Pope Paul on whether the late Pope Pius XII knew in advance of the massacre of 335 Romans by Nazi occupiers. The court then adjourned for three weeks.

The three-judge court postponed all decisions on further witnesses until March 26 when it will view the film "Massacre in Rome," based on Katz' book. The court said it would then question Katz in private before ruling on a list of proposed witnesses in the case.

Legal sources said the court could find a way out of the explosive defamation suit, brought by a niece of Pius XII, by ruling there was "no case" after seeing the film.

Katz' lawyer, Emanuele Golino, also asked the personal diary of Pius XII be produced for the court beginning March 22, 1943 — the day before Nazi Col. Herbert Kappler massacred 335 Romans in retaliation for a partisan attack on a Nazi patrol.

Golino said Col. Eugen Dollmann, representative of Nazi SS Chief Heinrich Himmler, told Katz in a letter that only the present Pope knows for certain whether Pius XII knew in advance and turned a blind eye to the massacre.

Dollmann, 74, now lives in Munich, West Germany. He has never been convicted of war crimes.

Pope Paul VI, as Archbishop Giovanni Battista Montini, served Pope Pius XII as wartime secretary of state. The present Pontiff has always defended Pius XII's actions by saying "an attitude of protest and condemnation would have been not only futile but harmful."

Attorneys for Contessa Elena Rossignani, Pius XII's niece, asked the court for permission to travel to Munich to question Dollmann.

Golino, who said before the trial there would be "lots of surprises" in the trial, also said the defence would call Herbert Kappler, the Nazi officer who carried out the massacre on direct orders from Hitler.

Hashish worth $2m. seized

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP). — Federal and local officials say they confiscated this country's biggest haul of hashish during a raid on a 48-foot racing boat.

Investigators said on Monday they found 2,439 pounds of compressed hashish and arrested five Americans and Canadians from the sloop "War Cry" when it docked here after a voyage believed to have begun in Morocco.

The hashish was valued at $250,000 wholesale or $2m. retail.

$10,000 reward for balloonist

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The sisters of missing balloonist Thomas L. Gatch offered a $10,000 reward yesterday for information leading to his recovery alive.

Eleanor Hoaglan and Nancy Svien, both of Rochester, Minnesota, pooled their resources to establish the reward, according to William Armstrong, an associate who helped Gatch prepare his craft "Light Heart."

Gatch left Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on February 18, attempting the world's first transatlantic balloon voyage. He was last seen on February 21 by a Liberian freighter almost 1,610 kms from the Canary Islands. Officials believed he was heading toward the Spanish Sahara.

Spanish students protest execution

BILBAO, Spain (AP). — About 500 students protesting the execution of a young Anarchist wrecked the medical school dean's office at Bilbao University yesterday, sources at the school said.

Salvador Puig Antich, 26, was executed by garrote on Saturday on conviction of killing a police inspector and robbing a bank for political purposes. Antich had admitted being a member of the Iberian Liberation front, an outlawed anarchist organization.

His execution prompted a series of anti-government demonstrations and bombings in Barcelona this week. Several arrests were made.

Student unrest also has been reported in Madrid, Granada, San Sebastian and Zaragoza.

Mail to 'Red China' won't get there

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Postal Service says mail and parcels to Mainland China should have the words "People's Republic of China" spelled out in addresses.

The Postal Service said it had been informed by the Chinese Government that terms such as "Red China," "Communist China" or "Mainland China" were unacceptable. Use of such terms will result in letters and parcels being returned.

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MASSIVE SLIDE IN HAMBURG VOTE

Big setback for Brandt

BONN (AP). — A stunning setback for Chancellor Willy Brandt in key state elections has added new fuel to talk that he is losing his once unshakable grip on Germany's political life.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate who gave his country a new standing in world affairs by promoting East-West understanding admitted a "severe setback" after his Social Democratic Party lost its absolute majority in key weekend state elections.

Only two weeks after Brandt was forced to deny publicly that domestic policy worries have caused him to consider resigning, his recently declining popularity was demonstrated by his party's massive 10.4 per cent slide in Sunday's elections to fill the Hamburg city-state legislature.

The Social Democrats managed to cling to power in Hamburg only with the help of the small Free Democrats, the liberal party which has shared a ruling coalition with Brandt's men in the federal government in Bonn and most state houses since 1969.

They lost 14 of their 70 seats in the city-state's 120-seat parliament. Their coalition partner to Bonn and in Hamburg, the Free Democrats, picked up four seats and now have 13 in the Hamburg Buergerschaft parliament. And the big gainer was the opposition Christian Democratic Union, which picked up ten seats and now has 51 deputies — 18 less than the ruling coalition.

The importance of the Hamburg voting was heightened by the fact that it was the first state election since the socialist-liberal coalition won a sweeping 1972 federal re-election triumph, mainly on the strength of the prestigious *Ostpolitik* triumphs that Brandt won earlier that year.

Since then, the gloss has worn off Brandt's East-West peace drive, even though it opened the way for lasting super-power detente and won him the 1971 Nobel Prize.

The Hamburg election, in which Brandt's men slid from 55.3 to 44.9 per cent, appeared to confirm recent polls indicating that Brandt's Social Democrats would lose more than 10 per cent of the combined 54.2 per cent Federal winning margin they and the Free Democrats shared in 1972. The Social Democrats' share of the vote was 45.8.

State elections in Lower Saxony, Bavaria and Hessia later this year face Brandt with the danger of losing control of one of the five out of 10 states he holds — meaning that the opposition Christian Democratic Party's 21-20 voting edge in the Federal upper house, representing state governments, would be increased.

Christian Democrat Chairman Helmut Kohl, Brandt's likely opponent in 1976 elections for chancellor, jubilantly proclaimed that his party's Hamburg rise from 32.8 to 40.6 per cent of the vote was "a clear and unmistakable slap" at Brandt's party.

And he repeated an invitation to Brandt's Free Democrat coalition partners, who upped their Hamburg voting share from 7.8 to 10.9 per cent, to abandon the socialist-liberal coalition in 1976 and share rule with his party instead.

The Free Democrats have so far declined. But sources in the pivotal party said it is becoming increasingly nervous that Brandt's waning popularity and prestige could halt its own recent popularity rise.

A cabinet shuffle expected in May, when liberal leader Walter Scheel hopes to resign as Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister to become President, has helped to strain the once rock-like partnership.

Brandt's apparently waning leadership and prestige came to a head two weeks ago after he suffered a defeat in a confrontation with labour unions which normally support him. Striking public service workers forced him to break a pledge not to permit wage increases above 10 per cent.

The 11 per cent pay hike he reluctantly sanctioned led to reports that he considered resigning.

The Hamburg election setback came amid mounting domestic and foreign troubles that include:

- Energy crisis repercussions threatening prosperous West Germany with zero economic growth, record 9 per cent inflation, increased unemployment and labour trouble.
- Stagnation in Brandt's East-West efforts to normalize relations with East Germany and increase human contacts with the Soviet bloc.
- Lagging progress towards West European unification and a continuing gap between a badly split Common Market and the U.S., increasing German fears that U.S. guarantee of their security and defence is threatened.

Investigator carries part of one of two flight recorders of crashed Turkish airliner near Paris. The other recorder was still being hunted. (AP radiophoto)

CAUSE OF PARIS AIRLINER CRASH STILL NOT KNOWN

PARIS (UPI).— Investigators hunted through snow-swept fields and pine forests yesterday for a black box flight recorder which might disclose whether an explosion brought down a Turkish Airlines DC10 jetliner on Sunday in the worst air disaster in history.

The secretary-general of France's civil aviation board, Maurice Grimaud, said: "It looks like an explosion, criminal or technical, one or the other."

Airline sources said experts are examining tapes from the digital flight recorder which registers all take-off-and-landing manoeuvres, but are anxious to hear recordings from the cockpit voice recorder, which had not been found by late yesterday.

Known as the "black box," the second recorder tapes then erases every 20 minutes exchanges among crew members and passengers and control tower instructions.

The sources said it may carry the sound of an explosion or conversations giving a clue to what happened in the minutes before the plane crashed in a wood north of Paris killing all 344 persons — mostly British — on board.

Forty experts from France, Turkey and the U.S. National Safety Transportation Board held their first meeting at Le Bourget airport to investigate the causes of the crash.

Airport sources said they will prepare a preliminary report for the three governments but definitive conclusions will take many months. The experts refused to talk to newsmen.

There was no comment on newspaper reports that the door of the plane's baggage compartment was found several miles before the point of impact.

Airline sources said this could mean an explosion, resulting from a bomb or some other cause, blew out part of the plane, probably causing it to crash through decompression.

The sources said investigators also were tracing the flight path on the ground to determine if the pilot had jettisoned his fuel cargo before hitting the ground. They said if he had, it would suggest there was trouble on board and he was trying a forced landing.

Turkish Airline pilots said Monday they believed the plane was sabotaged, and French aviation officials said the fact bodies were found before the point of impact suggested there had been a mid-air explosion moments before impact.

Turkish Airline officials said they could not provide a definitive list of the dead because many of the 216 passengers who joined the flight from Istanbul at Paris for the 45-minute trip to London were listed without first names or nationalities.

The U.S. Embassy in Paris said it had 22 names of Americans it believed were aboard but declined to disclose them until positive identification was made. As many as 200 of the passengers may have been British, with 49 Japanese, about 40 Turks and seven French, airline sources said.

Among the known victims were Olympic medal-winner John Cooper, 23, two Fleet Street Journalists — Francis Hope of the "Observer" and Lloyd Lewis of the "News of the World," all of Britain.

'Signs of sabotage'

ANKARA (Reuter). — Communications Minister Ferda Guley told the Turkish Parliament yesterday there were "strong indications" that sabotage was to blame for the crash of the Turkish airlines jetliner near Paris. All Turkish newspapers speculated today that sabotage was the most likely cause of the crash. Some of them published gory colour photographs of mutilated bodies amid the wreckage.

In Istanbul, Patriarch Shnork Caloustiyan, head of the Armenian Church and community in Turkey, said he refused to believe that Armenian extremists may have sabotaged the DC-10. Commenting on a press report from Teheran that the Armenian liberation movement had claimed responsibility for the disaster, the Patriarch said no Armenian organization had the means to commit such an act.

Vorster to meet black leaders

PRETORIA (Reuter). — The geographic, political and economic viability of South Africa's black homelands will be the crux of unprecedented talks here tomorrow between Prime Minister John Vorster and the leaders of 16 million Africans.

The whole day has been set aside for the meeting, which takes place in the hallowed Union Buildings, and indications are that all eight homeland leaders will attend. The Minister of Bantu (African) Administration and Development, Mr. Michiel Botha, and possibly his two deputies, will join Mr. Vorster.

The African leaders were due to meet yesterday in an effort to present a united front on the three main issues facing them:

- The consolidation and possible extension of boundaries which currently encompass only about 11 per cent of South African soil.
- The encouragement of industrial growth within their homelands to cater for a population constantly swelled by influx of Africans from white areas.
- Eventual political independence.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hilgard Muller told the Legislative Assembly of the Lebowa homeland in the Northern Transvaal yesterday: "All of the nations (in South Africa) are aware that they can negotiate their independence with the South African government at any moment of their choice.

"And logically, each nation would then qualify for membership of the United Nations and could if it so wishes, apply for it."

Communists ask share in new Italian gov't

ROME (UPI). — The dominant Christian Democrats yesterday insisted on another version of the centre-left coalition as Italy's next government despite Communist demands they be given a share of power for the first time since 1947.

President Giovanni Leone went through a day of consultations with the leaders of all political parties to sound their views on forming Italy's 36th post-Fascist government.

Political sources said Leone would almost certainly name Premier Mariano Rumor to form his fifth government on the centre-left formula of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans.

The Christian Democrat Party leader, Amintore Fanfani, said after his talks with Leone that the party leadership was unanimous that the crisis "could be resolved by reconstituting the solidarity of the four parties along the lines of the July 1973 agreement."

That agreement produced the Rumor government which resigned after eight months last Saturday after the Republicans withdrew in the face of a quarrel with the Socialists over an International Monetary Fund loan.

The Communists, however, demanded to be included in any new government and warned they would give "total intransigent opposition" to any government without them.

After years of contenting themselves with being the leading opposition out of government, the Communists, Italy's second largest party, said the only solution for the country was a government which included them.

"The crisis which is sweeping the country is certainly grave," Communist party leader Enrico Berlinguer said after his talks with Leone. "Because of this we are more than ever persuaded that it is necessary to radically change the political direction."

'Death of Grivas has not eased Cypriot problem'

PARIS (Reuter). — The death of General Georges Grivas will not make a solution of the Cypriot problem any easier, Archbishop Makarios said yesterday.

The Archbishop, who has headed the Cyprus Government for 14 years, said in a rare interview with the daily "Le Figaro" that if General Grivas had provoked unrest with armed attacks, "this had not influenced the development of the political situation in the island.

"I admit that the situation is now calmer, but his death will not contribute to making a solution to the Cypriot problem easier for the simple reason that this question did not depend on him", the Archbishop said.

President Makarios, who confirmed he would not seek re-election, said that although it was true that EOKA activities had lessened in the last month, "it is difficult to know their real intentions and to know if the present truce may constitute a change by passing from militant activity to political activity."

Floods isolate 9 South Africa towns; 7 dead

JOHANNESBURG. (AP). — At least seven people have died in floods affecting large areas of South Africa's Cape and Orange Free State Provinces.

Army reserve units have been told to stand by as continuing heavy rains have caused flooding in the mountainous central-southeast catchment area of South Africa's largest rivers, the Orange, Vaal and Fish.

Nine towns have been isolated by flood waters, 14 major roads have been closed because of washaways and many trunk telephone lines are out of order.

Rail traffic between Johannesburg and Cape Town has been cut and South African Railways is accepting only emergency freight for areas of the Northern Cape. Army helicopters were called in to evacuate farmers near Cradock, where the Fish River is at its highest level in 45 years.

Syrian denial on threat to Dr. K.

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Syrian official sources yesterday denied U.S. reports of a plot to assassinate Secretary of State Henry Kissinger while he was in Damascus last week.

"This report is fabricated and devoid of truth," Syrian sources said. "We are astonished that such a report should come out of Washington."

Officials who accompanied Dr. Kissinger to Damascus said on return to Washington on Monday night that Syrian officials had learned that Palestinian terrorists were waiting for the Secretary of State near the 1,200-year-old Omayyad Mosque here which he was due to visit. Dr. Kissinger, however, cancelled his visit to the mosque for lack of time.

Phnom Penh's road to sea cut

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP). — Government reinforcements swept west from Phnom Penh yesterday to counter an insurgent force that has taken over an eight-km. stretch of Highway 4, the capital's road to the sea.

More than 1,000 government soldiers with 50 armoured vehicles were moving west in columns several kms. long both north and south of the highway, field reports said.

Government outposts reported initial skirmishes as the government troops moved toward the point where Communist-led forces had cut the highway 30 kms. west of the capital, the reports said.

Fighting was initially sharp, but few casualties were reported as government troops only probed the insurgents' defences, the reports added.

Gipsy camps in Italy raided

MILAN, Italy (AP). — Police arrested 321 persons and seized arms, explosives and stolen goods yesterday in a huge dragnet in Northern Italy. Police said the search focused mainly on Gipsy camps.

The big cleanup extended from Genoa, Italy's main port city, to Bolzano, in the Alps, and from Turin to Milan to Trieste. Police said the 780 gipsy camps were searched and 4,458 nomads were stopped for identification.

The dragnet was part of police efforts to curb a rising wave of crime. Police said they seized 87 pistols, 158 guns, 130 kilos of explosives, plus fuses, detonators and stolen goods worth about $720,000.

Jailed for threat to Golda's life

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Sharif B. Sirhan, brother of U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassin, was ordered to begin a six-month prison sentence on Monday for threatening the life of Israel Premier Golda Meir.

Sirhan, 40, had been free on $10,000 bail while appealing the sentence imposed last July. U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence T. Lydick revoked the bail and ordered the term to begin after the appeal was rejected by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Singer Birgit Nilsson hurt in fall from stage

NEW YORK (AP). — Wagnerian soprano Birgit Nilsson has suffered a dislocated shoulder and cuts and bruises in a four-foot fall from a platform during rehearsal at the Metropolitan Opera.

The tumble came on Monday as Miss Nilsson was singing Brunhilde in the first act of Wagner's "Gotterdammerung."

OPEN LETTER

"COMMON SENSE"

A LEADER LIKE FORMER U.S. PRES. MADISON IS NEEDED NOW!

Pres. Nixon and Dr. Kissinger said "the oil-boycott is BLACKMAIL"; the U.N. Charter says it's ILLEGAL; the law says it VIOLATES their contract obligations; International law says these are "ACTS OF WAR" against another U.N. member; America isn't at war against any Arab country.

QUESTION: Why then is America rewarding, instead of punishing, the offender? Why is America punishing Israel, the victim of these crimes?

CONSPIRACY is defined as any arrangement between two or more to commit an illegal act, or commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

A few years ago officials of General Electric and other large companies were sentenced to JAIL plus huge penalties and fines for merely fixing prices.

France and other European countries are presently pursuing criminal action against their oil companies for various phases of this oil conspiracy.

American 'Oil Company Officials' are misusing their stockholders' money to support this 'oil blackmail' with expensive ads, Madison Ave. (P.R.) speeches, lobbying and other forms of pressure and publicity. They urge the U.S.A. to reverse and change its Mideast foreign policy and force Israel, a sovereign state and U.N. member, to forego her rights to 'safety and security' and surrender to this BLACKMAIL! This would also jeopardize AMERICAN interests in the Mideast and other parts of the world.

QUESTION: When will the U.S. legal and "Justice" Dept. institute appropriate civil and CRIMINAL actions against the offending officials of oil companies, and anyone in the U.S. State Dept., and Arabs who participated in this CRIMINAL OIL BLACKMAIL CONSPIRACY?

Skyjackings, kidnappings and other crimes are encouraged by BLACKMAIL.

The Arab oil boycott has worked thus far in many countries, against their interests.

IS THIS THE EXAMPLE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ESTABLISH... THAT OIL, or any other medium of exchange, CAN BUY ANYTHING AND ANYONE... THAT OIL BLACKMAIL WORKS? A barrel of oil that costs 13c at the wellhead and sells for $15 is better than a licence to print money.

Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, at the time Editor of Al Ahram, Egypt's semi-official paper, stated on Nov. 3, 1972 in his "FRANKLY SPEAKING" column a few days before Nixon's re-election that "THE ARAB SHEIKHS GAVE $10—$12 MILLION TO NIXON'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN" (Unlawfully).

What is Senator Ervin's "SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES" doing about exposing this illegal conspiracy? This OILGATE is far worse than any WATERGATE!

Dangling or giving Israel additional aid now for further suicide withdrawals is not unlike the 'last meal' (anything one desires) before execution! Pres. Madison broke the BARBARY PIRATES back by warning: "MILLIONS FOR DEFENCE, BUT NOT A PENNY FOR TRIBUTE". Another MADISON is needed now!

Am. Ed. League for a Secure Israel
Sol A. Dann, Chairman

February 24, 1974

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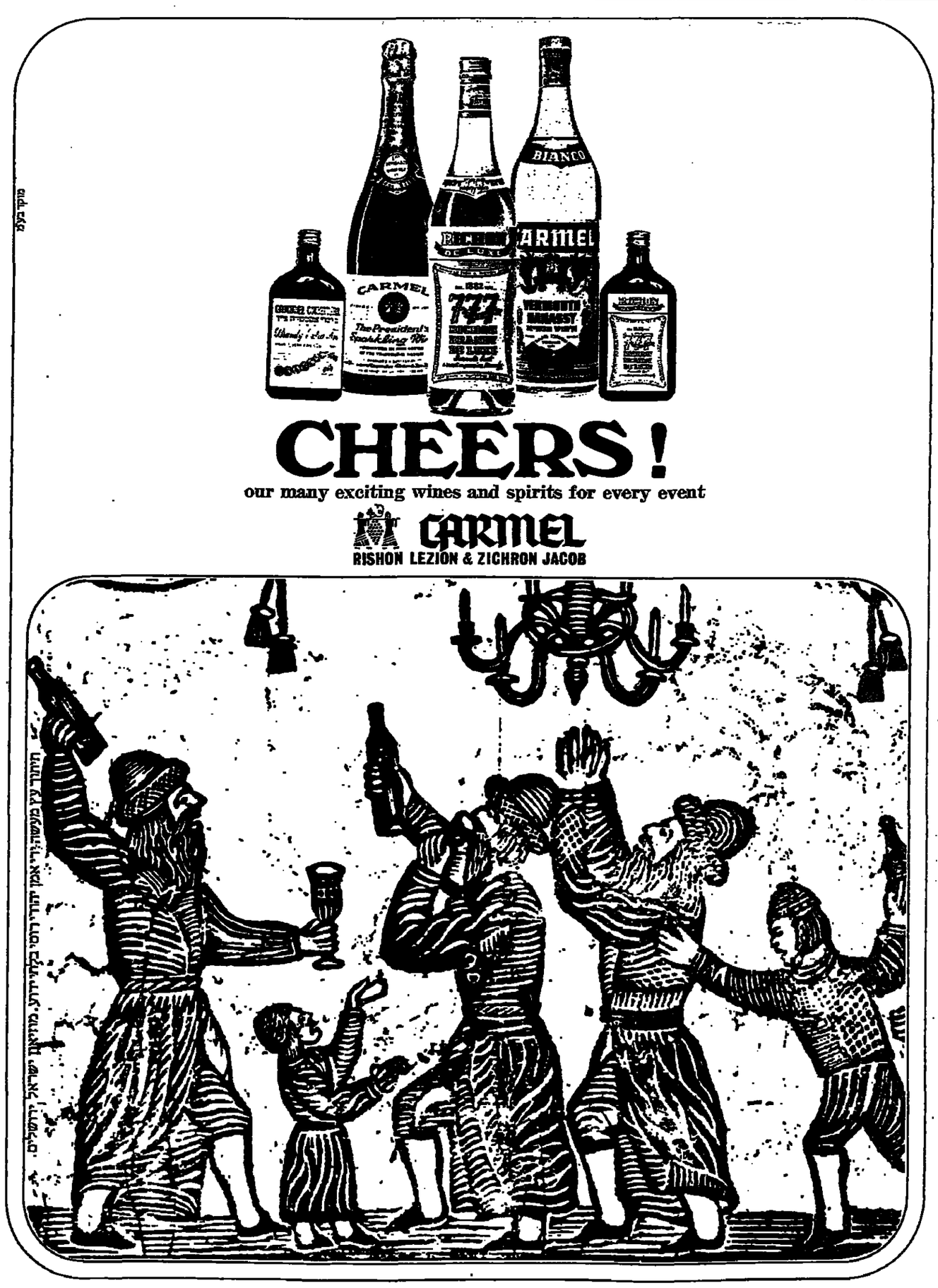

ELIAHU INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1973

(In Israel Pounds)

31.12.1972			Authorised	Subscribed	Paid-Up
	CAPITAL, RESERVES AND SURPLUS				
	Share Capital:				
100	Management Shares of IL1.—		100	100	100
3,129,842	Ordinary Shares of IL1.—		5,000,000	3,823,768	3,538,768
3,129,942			5,000,100	3,823,868	3,538,868
375,593	Bonus Shares for Allotment				424,664
	Reserves:				
2,000,000	General Reserve			3,500,000	
109,798	Profit and Loss Account — Balance			494,379	3,994,379
5,615,333					7,957,911
	INSURANCE FUNDS				
	Life Assurance:				
6,957,694	Assurance Fund (Note 1a)		13,690,148		
130,559	*Less:* Reinsurance		286,808		
6,827,135			13,403,340		
442,312	Fund for Special Risks		1,079,842		
7,269,447				14,483,182	
	General Insurance:				
1,500,000	Fund for Special Risks (Note 1b)			1,720,000	
8,769,447					16,203,182
	OTHER LIABILITIES				
	Provision for Unexpired Risks				
	General Insurance				
10,702,247	(Note 1b)	15,764,687			
3,886,270	*Less:* Reinsurance	5,652,429			
6,875,977			10,112,258		
	Claims Admitted or Intimated —				
30,000	Life Assurance	394,083			
15,750	*Less:* Reinsurance	238,353			
14,250			155,730		
	Claims Admitted or Intimated —				
24,297,358	General Insurance	31,376,324			
11,732,289	*Less:* Reinsurance	10,690,161			
12,565,069			20,666,163		
19,455,296				30,954,151	
	Due to Other Insurance Companies on Reinsurance Accounts —				
	Deposits Retained				
2,874,635	Insurance Deposits		4,162,630		
2,018,629	Outstanding Claims Deposits		1,171,864		
4,893,264			5,334,494		
2,370,466	Other Accounts		5,824,117		
7,263,730				11,158,611	
—	Israel Treasury — for voluntary war loan bonds			1,500,000	
1,990,659	Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances			3,666,607	
606,736	Interest Received in Advance			1,476,533	
437,358	Premiums in Advance			436,672	
29,753,779					49,192,574
44,138,559					73,353,667

31.12.1972			
	INVESTMENTS		
	Securities, incl. payments on account (Note 1c:2)		
14,932,030	Government Bonds	25,241,657	
345,875	Other Bonds (Quoted)	683,375	
15,277,905		25,925,032	
683,955	Accrued Interest on Government Bonds	700,945	
15,901,860			26,625,977
	Loans and Other Deposits:		
243,833	Loans on Company's Policies (within their surrender value) (Note 1e)	332,580	
—	Loan to a Municipality (Note 1e)	1,231,092	
253,887	Deposits with Banks for purpose of granting loans	263,873	
9,179,512	Loans (Note 3)	20,603,960	
9,676,632			22,431,505
204,750	Shares: Quoted, at cost, (Note 1d)		845,676
	Real Estate:		
1,015,737	Leasehold Property (Note 1f)	1,019,908	
62,268	Freehold Land—at lower market value	65,399	
1,078,005			1,085,307
26,861,247			50,988,465
71,900	**SHARES IN OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES—at cost**		71,934
	FIXED ASSETS		
1,352,437	Office Premises (Note 1f)	1,337,115	
863,832	Office Equipment and Cars—at cost less depreciation	1,720,636	
2,216,269			3,057,751
	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND CASH		
	Due by other Insurance Companies:		
795,834	Deposits	—	
1,015,174	Other Accounts	519,531	
1,811,008		519,531	
7,702,818	Premiums for Collection (including Bills and cheques Receivable for IL. 4,525,790)	11,215,072	
351,746	Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances (including loans to staff for IL. 226,633)	513,497	
1,551,800	Deposits with Banks for period less than one year	836,400	
3,571,771	Cash at Banks and in Hand	6,151,017	
14,989,143			19,235,517
44,138,559			73,353,667

Details of Investment and Liabilities of the Life Assurance Business which are included in this Balance Sheet, are given in a separate statement

THE NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET FORM AN INTEGRAL PART THEREOF.

Notes to the Financial Statements as at Dec. 31, 1973

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICY**

a) Life Assurance Fund:
The Fund linked to the cost of living index is adjusted to the relative month in accordance with the terms of the life policies as at the Balance Sheet date.
The Fund was calculated by the Company's Actuary on the basis used for computation of the Fund last year.

b) Income from insurance business and Provision for Unexpired Risks on General Insurance:
In accordance with the practice of previous years underwriting accounts of other insurance companies have been included for the period ended prior to the Balance Sheet date.
The provision for Unexpired Risks has been computed according to the Regulations of the Supervision of Insurance Companies.
The Fund for Special Risks is computed this year in terms of the agreement with the Treasury.

c) Securities (including payments on account):
Government and Government guaranteed bonds linked to the high cost of living index earmarked to the linked life assurance fund are included in the Balance Sheet at cost plus IL. 2,653,075, but below their redemption value as per the index relevant to the computation of the Fund.
The remaining bonds held for non-linked life assurance fund and those not held to cover life assurance business have been included in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Quoted (the majority are on optional terms) —at cost (including interest) being below market value
Unquoted —at cost.

Bonds for a nominal value of IL. 540,000 are deposited with the Treasury of Israel.

d) Shares:
The shares are quoted, and are included in the Balance Sheet date at cost or market value, whichever is lower.

e) Linked loans:
These are included in the Balance Sheet as follows:
Linked loans on Company's policies are included according to the index forming the basis for determining the life assurance fund.
The loan to a Municipality is linked to high cost of living index and is included on basis of the index for November, 1973.

f) Office Premises and leasehold Property:
The majority of the above are included in the Balance Sheet at cost, and the other part as was revalued by an expert valuer on December 31, 1965; both being less obsolescence and amounts written off.

g) Provision for Severance Pay:
The Company's liabilities for staff severance pay is fully covered by deposits with an Approved Fund.

h) Rates of Exchange:
Balances in foreign currency at the Balance Sheet date are included at the official rate of exchange at that date.

2. **INVESTMENTS IN BONDS (Note 1c) include:**

	Total	Linked to high-cost of living index	Not linked
Government or Government Guaranteed Bonds:			
Held to cover life assurance fund	14,487,210	14,377,210	110,000
C/F			
B/F			
Others:			
Quoted (the majority are on optional terms)	8,404,787	8,404,787	—
Unquoted (Defence, Saving and War Bonds)	2,349,660	2,649,660	—
	25,241,657	25,131,657	110,000
Other Bonds—Quoted	683,375	—	683,375
	25,925,032	25,131,657	793,375
Accrued Interest on Option Bonds	700,945	700,945	—
	26,625,977	25,832,602	793,375
as at 31.12.1972	15,901,860	15,556,985	345,875

3. **LOANS according to security received:**

	1973	1972
Secured by Bank or Financial Institution guarantees	18,791,328	8,295,960
Mortgage guaranteed (including IL.857,904 liability to register mortgage)	1,607,587	711,552
Guaranteed by Securities	205,045	172,000
	20,603,960	9,179,512

4. **TAXES ON INCOME:**
The Company received final tax assessments up to December 31, 1972.
We certify that to the best of our belief the value of the Assets appearing in the Balance Sheet is not less than the value stated therein.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors
SHLOMO ELIAHU, Chairman of the Board — SHAOUL ELIAHU, Deputy Chairman

LIFE ASSURANCE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

(In Israel Pounds)

Previous year			
5,052,737	Premiums	8,956,954	
495,580	*Less:* Reinsurance	1,050,026	
4,557,157			7,906,928
344,634	Interest, Dividends and Income from Property	719,407	
594,289	Increase on revaluation of linked Investments in respect of index differences during the year	1,866,013	
938,923			2,585,420
5,476,080			10,492,348
3,117,240	*Less:* Increase in the Assurance Fund (less Reinsurance)		6,576,205
2,358,840			3,916,143
443,107	Claims Paid and Outstanding	1,326,097	
147,236	*Less:* Reinsurance	788,596	
295,871		537,501	
—	*Less:* Transfer from Fund for Special Risks in respect of the war death claims	266,898	
295,871		270,603	
—	Maturities	28,799	
302,575	Surrenders	261,032	
598,446		560,434	
228,242	Transfer to Fund for Special Risks	904,428	
826,688			1,464,862
1,532,152			2,451,281
168,668	Stamp duty and medical expenses less policy fees	263,934	
1,021,869	*Commission Paid*	1,511,353	
458,262	Management and General Expenses	751,780	
1,648,799		2,527,067	
167,358	*Less:* Commission from Reinsurance (including Profit Commission)	175,123	
1,481,441			2,351,944
50,711	Profit transferred to Profit and Loss Account		99,337

GENERAL INSURANCE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

(In Israel Pounds)

Previous year			
26,622,539	Premiums (including Portfolio for IL.321,708 (year 1972—IL.324,493)	38,749,440	
11,770,190	*Less:* Reinsurance (including Portfolio for IL.117,322) year 1972 IL.142,482)	16,421,287	
14,852,349		22,328,153	
661,597	*Less:* Increase in the Provision for Unexpired Risks (less Reinsurance)	3,236,281	
14,190,752			19,091,872
3,857,108	Registration and Other Fees		5,658,204
795,165	Statutory Interest		1,450,372
18,843,025			26,200,448
22,117,712	Claims—Paid and Outstanding	26,028,667	
9,292,989	*Less:* Reinsurance	7,835,298	
12,824,723		18,193,369	
750,000	Transfer to Fund for Special Risks	220,000	
13,574,723			18,413,369
5,268,302			7,787,079
5,063,499	Commission Paid	6,580,886	
3,082,352	Management and General Expenses	4,102,000	
8,145,851		10,682,886	
3,497,933	*Less:* Commission from Reinsurance	4,880,922	
4,647,918			5,801,964
620,384	Profit—transferred to Profit and Loss Account		1,985,115

PROFIT AND LOSS AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

(In Israel Pounds)

Previous year			
	Transfer from Insurance Accounts:		
620,384	General Insurance	1,985,115	
50,711	Life Assurance	99,337	
671,095			2,084,452
	Income not included in the Insurance Account:		
1,138,207	Interest, Dividend and Income from Property	2,387,530	
138,902	Profit on realisation of investments and linkage differences on a loan to a Municipality, less provision for reduction in value	188,651	
3,942	Other Income	—	
1,275,051			2,576,181
1,946,146			4,660,633
254,108	Less: Management and General Expenses not included in the Insurance Account		378,480
1,692,038	Net Profit before Provision for Income Tax		4,282,153
700,000	Provision for Income Tax and Service Tax		1,850,000
992,038	Net Profit for the year		2,432,153
272,772	Unappropriated Profit at beginning of the year		109,798
—	Excess in Provision for Income Tax written back		192,590
1,264,810			2,734,541
	Appropriation of Profit		
500,000	Transfer to General Reserve	1,500,000	
375,593	12% Bonus Shares for allotment	424,664	
279,419	12% Dividend, Net (gross IL. 420,664)	315,498	
1,155,012			2,240,162
109,798	Balance of Unappropriated Profit		494,379

NOTE: *Depreciation of Fixed Assets* charged to the above accounts total IL237,844 (year 1972 — IL160,762)

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS ACCOUNT AND OF THE INSURANCE ACCOUNTS.

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Eliahu Insurance Company Limited

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Eliahu Insurance Company Ltd., as at December 31, 1973 and the related Statement of Profit and Loss for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly we have applied such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
In our opinion, the said financial statements gives the information required of an insurance company in accordance with the Law for the Supervision on Insurance Business, 1951, and the relative regulations, in the manner so required. On this basis, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account with the notes thereto present fairly in terms of the said Law and Regulations the financial position for the Company as at December 31, 1973 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.
Pursuant to Section 109 of the Companies Ordinance, we state that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and that in our opinion the Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss is given according to the best of our information and the explanations received by us and as shown by the books of the Company.

Tel Aviv, January 8, 1974.

GABBAY & CO.
Certified Public Accountants (Isr.)

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RHYME OR REASON?

ALTERNATING gloom and pride have hit the Silverman household in Rehovot. Tova did it again but neither Bill, her husband, nor even Tova herself, really know what happened. Here was the deal that brought both consternation and joy:

Love all

BM

NORTH
♠ A J
♡ K 10 8 3
◇ A K 7 2
♣ 6 4 3

WEST
♠ 7 5 2
♡ 5
◇ J 10 9 4 3
♣ K 8 7

EAST
♠ Q 10 6 3
♡ Q J 9 7
◇ 8 5
♣ Q J 10

Tova
SOUTH (D)
♠ K 9 4
♡ A 6 4 2
◇ Q 6
♣ A 9 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	NORTH
1 NT	2 ♣
2 ♡	3 ♡
3 NT	P

They were playing Precision with Acting Stayman. Why, oh why, did Tova avoid the normal contract of 4 ♡ which was doomed for a set of one trick? Was it Bill's fault because he let her decide instead of playing 4 ♡ himself? On the basis of the result of this deal he should always let her decide. But it was top-Bottom and I suppose they preferred to make 4 NT rather than 4 ♡.

The opening lead was the ◇ J. There were eight tricks on top, and the fourth might come from a long suit, a third ♡ trick, or a ♠ finesse. Easy as pie as you look at all four hands, but can an extra trick be won? Tova did it the hard way. She won the first trick with the ◇ K and led a ♣ which East won with the 10. Back came a ◇ to the Q. Now Tova shifted gears. From the straight and narrow she left clubs dangling and decided that she had better win three ♡ tricks. So she led a ♡ to the 8 and 9, and East continued with a high ♡ to the Ace. That ♣ suit in reserve now looked good, if the clubs split evenly. A small ♣ from South was won by the K in West. The defence had now won three tricks. A ♠ was led to the Ace leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ J
♡ K 8
◇ A 7
♣ 6

WEST
♠ 9 7 5
♡ —
◇ 10 9
♣ 5

EAST
♠ Q 10 6
♡ 9 7
◇ —
♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ K 8
♡ 6 4
◇ —
♣ A 9

BRIDGE
By George Levinrew

Did Tova sense that she now had nine tricks cold? She led to the ♣ A and must have sighed with relief. She played the ♣ 9 discarding the ♡ 8, while East and West each discarded a ♠. A ♡ to the K forced West to let go a ♠. The ◇ A forced East to slaff a ♠ with South discarding her last ♡.

Two ♠ tricks were won giving the Silvermans a top of 4 NT made. Tova still does not realize how she executed the rarity of a criss cross squeeze. Bill has not yet recovered.

BRIDGE CALENDAR

Coming Event

March 22, 23 Jerusalem, Adler Cup Teams of Four, National Tournament, at the Diplomat Hotel starting on the 22nd at 4.00 p.m.

Results

Tel Aviv Pairs Championship. 54 Pairs at the start. 24 pairs in the round robin five weeks final. 1. Dr. Jossman-Katz, 2. Kroll-Regal, 3. Duchovny-Kapusta, 4. Lev-Romik.

Jerusalem, Shapiro Cup for Pairs, five sessions, best four out of five. 1. Fertig-Fertig, 2. Bergel-Dr. Lobel, 3. Gilinsky-Grossberg, 4. Ben Ze'ev-Kook.

Weekly Duplicate Games, 8.00 p.m.
Ashkelon — Monday, Thursday: Museum.
Beersheba — Monday, Thursday: Beit Ha'am.
Haifa — City: Monday, Thursday: Beit Hagefen. Central Carmel: Sunday, Wednesday: Beit Rothschild. Neve Sha'anan: Tuesday: Beit Abba Khoushi.
Herzliya B — Tuesday: Hotel Sharon.
Jerusalem — Wednesday: Diplomat Hotel.
Kiryat Haim — Tuesday: Beit Nagler.
Kiryat Tivon — Sunday: Beit Hahistadrut.
Netanya — Monday: Orly Hotel, Thursday: Wizo Hall.
Pardes Hana — Sunday: Wizo Hall.
Rehovot — Monday: Masonic Hall.
Savyon — Sunday: Avia Hotel.
Tel Aviv — Wednesday, Thursday: Dukes Club.

New Haggadah for Reform Jews

NEW YORK (JTA). — Reform Jews this year will be observing their Pessach holiday with a new Haggadah prayerbook, the first in 50 years.

The new volume, seven years in the making, has been prepared by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, publishers of all liturgical works for the 1.1-million-member religious movement in North America.

Noted artist Leonard Baskin has provided 20 new watercolour illustrations depicting the characters and symbols of the Pessach ritual.

Luxury living in for pensioners home

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IS moving to an old-age home "the last resort" for an older person or is it a luxurious way to retire?

For the residents of Hamavri Pensioners Club — which opened a month ago in Kfar Saba — it is most definitely a matter of choice and of luxury. Surrounded by gardens, the club offers accommodations which, in the words of one resident, "put some of the fanciest hotels to shame."

Hamavri (Ministry of Welfare supervised) can accommodate 100 to 120 persons, but so far only a small number of residents have moved in. "At least 60 per cent of our residents have to be from abroad," explained Jacob Ben-Hur, an experienced hotel manager who is manager of Hamavri. (The facility has the status of an "approved enterprise," receiving credit and other special benefits from the Ministry of Tourism which is why only 40 per cent of the rooms may be rented to Israelis.) "A lot of people from abroad are in correspondence with us about coming. There are many older people who want to come here but who don't want to buy an apartment and have to worry about keeping house or hiring household help. This may be the perfect answer."

Residents are selected very carefully. They must be independent enough to get to the dining-room and to enjoy the many other facilities now being developed at Hamavri. They must also be on the same cultural level as the other residents, most of whom speak German — though some know English or Hebrew.

So far, there are few organized activities because the number of residents is so small and because the club's cars are mobilized. (For lack of any other vehicles, provisions are being brought to Hamavri each day by horse and wagon.) However, the wife of one of the owners — whose hobby is miniature sculpture — gives sculpture lessons twice a week, and an entire kindergarten from a local school came to spend Tu Bishvat at Hamavri. Since public transportation is very close at hand, the residents have no difficulty going into town on their own.

I visited one resident (most were off to town, a 79-year-old German-born Israeli woman, in her large, well-ordered room. She had brought a sizeable library and record collection with her; the records are arranged in chronological order and represent the finest serious music of the last 200 years. "I came here because I felt the time had come," she explained in answer to my question. "My daughter raised six children and now that they've all left home she decided to go to the university. I had been sick last year and finally came to the conclusion that I don't want to be in the house alone while my daughter is at the university and my son-in-law is at work. What if I fall? What if I'm sick? And just when I had made a definite decision to look for a place, I saw an ad for Hamavri. We came to look at the place on Election Day and I moved in a few days later."

A large double room at Hamavri costs $470 (IL1,974) a month after payment of a $9,200.00 (IL38,640) entrance fee, or $750 (IL3,150) without the entrance fee. The small single room costs $320 (IL1,344) with a $6,200 (IL26,040) entrance fee or $525 (IL2,205) without an entrance fee. "I should mention that people can come here for several months' vacation, too... I should also mention that the company which owns this club, Hamavri Limited, also owns a hospital for the chronically ill. There is a definite connection between the two types of business."

Sympathetic management

COINCIDENTALLY, the day on which I visited Hamavri was also the day on which Aliza Ariowitz — supervisor of the Service for the Aged at the Ministry of Welfare District Office in Jaffa — came to inspect the facility. A few days later, we met in her office. "Hamavri is going to be a good home. The manager and owners understand the problems of the aged and really want to offer the best possible services. They've set up a hobby room, a social hall and all the facilities we recommend."

Many private institutions do not merit these words of praise, Mrs. Ariowitz said. "Many small homes don't come to us for a licence, even though they are required to by law. We often find out about them by accident and then we have to coax or compel them to apply for a licence and to meet out requirements. Several should be closed, but we as social workers also have to consider the fact that people live in them and do not wish to leave."

Of course, there are also publicly financed homes run by charitable associations, settlers' associations, the Histadrut (Mishan), the municipalities, J.D.C. Malben and other organizations. "We have special contractual arrangements with certain homes, public or private, to take residents whom we refer to them through the local welfare offices. I would say that the people who come to us requesting to be sent to a home run the gamut of the population, including university graduates."

People who do not need assistance from the Welfare Ministry choose their own home, usually without any professional advice. "It is very important that people not go to homes which do not have licences. Actually, I wish we could offer advice to everyone who is thinking about going to one, because a home is not the best solution for everyone, and there are some people who might be better off remaining in the community if they get household help or other special services. But we just don't have the manpower to invite the public to come for advice. We are trying to train people at existing information centres to offer advice on services to the aged. Also, we hope that eventually every local welfare office will have a special worker who deals with the aged and that worker may be able to offer advice to the public — if only people would not feel there is a stigma attached to going to a welfare office for advice."

RALPH Goldman — chairman of the Association for Planning and Development of Services for the Aged in Israel, and Associate Director-General of JDC Malben — believes that a home should be the last resort. "When dealing with older people who are still independent, I would compare our philosophy to the Jewish tradition about conversion. When someone wants to convert to Judaism, he is first discouraged and then — when he does not waiver in his determination — is accepted. We encourage older people to remain in their own communities. But if someone insists on going into a home — because he is afraid to remain alone or for family reasons or whatever — we accept them."

According to current statistics, Mr. Goldman says, there are about 6,500 beds available in Israel in homes for the aged of all types. Of these, 4,310 are for independent older persons who can still take care of themselves; 1,320 are for the infirm, who need more care but are not completely bed-ridden; and 870 for "nursing cases," those who need care and medical supervision. "If we figure on an aliya of 40,000 a year, which seems to me a reasonably good estimate, I would say that we are going to need at least three times as many 'infirm' and 'nursing' beds within the next few years. There are already too many beds for 'independents.' We at JDC Malben are going to make the necessary changes in our own institutions."

American Jews 'convert' to Zionism

Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

The Yom Kippur War has changed the feelings of many American Jews from hostility or indifference to Zionism to concern for the future of Israel. More aware today of Israel, some Jews, particularly the young, are expressing criticism of Israeli society.

THE attitudes of American Jews to Israel are undergoing complicated changes and modifications, some of them in a positive, others in a negative direction. Many subtle nuances are being experienced.

First of all, there is the large body of Jews who have long been completely devoted to Israel — and remain utterly faithful although they are perplexed by the events of the past five months, and seek enlightenment on what is happening here. I recently visited one such family in New Jersey, where the day pivots around three main events — the morning delivery of *The Jerusalem Post*, the afternoon (4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time) broadcast from Jerusalem, and the evening newscast direct from the offices of *The Post* over the New York station WEVD. A family like this (with none of its members in Israel) is typical of the masses who, to a large extent, represent Israel's hinterland.

Then there are those who have been converted to a pro-Israel opinion. Some of this occurred around the Yom Kippur War. Intellectuals such as Irving Kristol and Irving Howe wrote at the time of the War that they had suddenly discovered how much they cared. A couple of weeks ago an important article appeared in the "New York Times" by Norman Podhoretz, editor of "Commentary" who wrote that ever since October, it has become increasingly clear that something new has happened to the Jews of America, namely that they have all been converted to Zionism. Those who were formerly hostile or indifferent to Israel have become Zionists or have faded away.

Anti-Zionists

The number of anti-Zionists, he writes, was probably never very large but until 1948 centred in three important sectors. There was the Reform rabbinate which saw Zionism as an ideological heresy which struck at the effort Jews were making to achieve full acceptance in America as Americans. Then there were those very Orthodox Jews who saw Zionism as a religious heresy and thirdly, the Socialist intelligentsia which regarded Zionism as a form of reactionary bourgeois nationalism. Among the Jewish upper class of German origin, there was a non-Zionism which shared some of the ideas and anxieties of the anti-Zionists but did not place itself in active opposition to the existence of a sovereign Jewish state. There was also a group of "indifferentists" to whom the idea of a Jewish state was a parochial absurdity.

Anti-Zionism and non-Zionism have not entirely disappeared, writes Podhoretz, but they are much weaker than before. The American Council for Judaism has dwindled to near invisibility. Among the Reform, anti-Zionists are lonelier and more isolated than pro-Zionists had once been. The ultra-Orthodox, apart from one small Hassidic sect in Brooklyn, are far more likely to be working on behalf of Israel (some in the Jewish Defence League) than in opposition to it. Anti-Zionism of the Socialist variety, which lives on in the U.S.S.R., maintains only a precarious existence among American Jews — there are a few Communists, Maoists, Trotskyites and New Leftists, some of whom advocate converting Israel into a bi-national state, but their numbers are tiny. Scarcely a trace of anti-Zionism can be found among the spiritual descendants of the Yiddish-speaking Socialists and the trade unionists. Non-Zionism has likewise declined, and its main previous focus, the American Jewish Committee, is today fervent in its devotion to Israel.

Indifferentism has also declined in strength. In the past it was high among intellectuals but the last few months, in particular, have evinced a profound depth of concern among Jewish intellectuals not previously identified to any great degree with Israel. Similarly, on the campus, there was a massive and unprecedented response during the October War, illustrated by the 25,000 Jewish students who volunteered to go to Israel and the one million dollars collected by the students for the Israel Emergency Fund.

The general picture, continues Podhoretz, is given by the poll which shows that 99 per cent of American Jews support Israel. This unanimity he finds staggering, especially among a people famed for its divisiveness. To explain it, he notes that none of the varieties of anti-Zionism have stood the test of time. But the main cause has been the explicit intention of the Arabs to drive the Jews of Israel into the sea. This put any anti-Zionist Jew into the position of conniving at the massacre of other Jews and it is Arab intransigence which has been a major factor in uniting the community.

But alongside this assessment by Podhoretz must be set other new factors. Some of these, while deeply devoted to Israel, resent certain aspects of the centrality of its role. Thus, voices have been heard criticising the extent of fund-raising for Israel out of fear that this will lead to neglect of the needs of the American Jewish community. There is criticism of Israel's failure to provide adequate help for the educational needs of American Jewry. For all the outpourings of U.S. Jewry, there is still a very high proportion of synagogue members (not to mention the majority of U.S. Jewry who are not synagogue-affiliated) who do not give anything to the U.J.A.

Critical voices

Critical voices are being heard in the U.S. community. Reform Rabbi David Polish made some very scathing comments in a recent debate while in a newly-published address Rabbi Dr. Joachim Prinz also speaks sharply. He finds that for large numbers of Jews, Israel is a Jewish Disneyland where everything is rosy and beautiful and exciting — but the emotional foundations of this relationship cannot last for ever. He describes the slogan of the "centrality of Israel" in the "scheme of Jewish survival" as utterly meaningless. "To continue to speak of Israel as the very centre of Jewish existence in the Diaspora is dishonest and unrealistic... Jewish life in the Diaspora would be deprived of any meaning if it failed to make Jewish beliefs and convictions the central issue of Diaspora life. Israel by and large does not understand this. To the average Israeli, the Diaspora is a waiting hall for aliya — and this is certainly not true of the vast majority of the *gola*. Israel does not and cannot solve the Jewish problems of the Diaspora — not their political problems or their social problems or their cultural problems," writes Rabbi Prinz.

With these views, it is not surprising to find him among the sponsors of a group of American youngsters who have formed themselves into an organization called "Brereira" (i.e., there is a choice, contrasted with the slogan *Ein Bereira* implying that Israel is the only choice). The initial proclamation of this group caused a certain fluttering in Israel dovecots when it was received here a couple of months ago.

The Bereira group, most of whose founders have a Radical Jewish background, announced it was opening a national office with a full-time staff to sponsor forums, distribute literature, etc. In its manifesto, it hoped Israel would be willing to make territorial concessions as a risk for peace and called for the legitimization of the national aspirations of the Palestinians. On Israel-Diaspora relations, it announced "We have been troubled by the development of a socio-economic gap between a largely Ashkenazi middle class and the Sephardi poor; by the schism between religious and non-religious; and by the erosion of civil liberties, particularly, though not exclusively, of the Arab citizens." It goes on to regret the extent to which Israel has captured the energies of American Jewry and the attitude of Israel which "regards Diaspora communities primarily as reservoirs of financial aid and immigration." It emphasises the sentence, "We deplore those pressures in American Jewish life which make open discussion of these and other vital issues virtually synonymous with heresy" and calls for extensive discussion and debate of these and similar problems.

The manifesto itself is rather a hodge-podge but it did get the endorsement of a number of leading U.S. Jews — apart from Dr. Prinz, its advisory committee includes the Reform theologian Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, Dr. Morton Siegal of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi David Gordis, provost of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles and Rabbi Max Ticktin, assistant national director of the Hillel Foundations. The distinguished patronage caused some concern in Israel but in New York I found that the tendency was to play down the group. One Jewish leader told me: "The whole thing represents perhaps fifty kids. They came to me and to others to sign — but we refused, especially after the Yom Kippur War. In any case, it is nonsense to talk of the lack of democratic expression in Israel. The leaders who endorsed the proclamation probably never even read it — but in any case in the American Jewish culture of today, you do anything for the kids as long as they are seeking to act within a Jewish framework." Whether or not the signatories were "doing it for the kids" (which seems an inadequate explanation), the consensus was that the group itself was insignificant and the worst thing would be to exaggerate its meaning.

But at the same time, the various negative phenomena mentioned should not be ignored. And one thing is clear — namely, that the move to aliya which strengthened after the Six Day War has dwindled considerably. The vibrations emanating from Israel since October are not conducive to attracting new settlers in any number.

ELIAHU INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

STATEMENT OF LIFE ASSURANCE LIABILITIES AND INVESTMENTS

(Forming part of the whole Company's Investment as per Balance Sheet)

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1973

(In Israel Pounds)

31.12.1972			
	AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT		
	ASSURANCE FUND		
6,957,694	Life Assurance Fund (Note 1a)	13,690,148	
130,559	*Less:* Reinsurance	286,808	
6,827,135		13,403,340	
442,312	Fund for Special Risks	1,079,842	
7,269,447			14,483,182
	OTHER LIABILITIES		
14,250	Claims Admitted or Intimated	155,730	
	Due to other Insurance Companies on Reinsurance Accounts		
—	Deposits Retained	131,186	
170,124	Other Accounts	104,140	
388,352	Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances	409,993	
99,801	Premiums in Advance	90,921	
672,527			891,970
1,074,933	**EXCESS OF INVESTMENTS OVER INSURANCE FUND AND OTHER LIABILITIES**		997,999
9,016,907			16,373,151
	INVESTMENTS		
	INVESTMENTS		
7,897,649	Government Bonds (including payments on account) (Note 1c:2)	14,487,210	
243,233	Loans on Company's Policies (within their surrender values) (Note 1e)	332,580	
80,000	Real Estate — Part of the Leasehold Property (Note 1f)	80,000	
8,220,882			14,899,790
	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND CASH		
40,040	Due from Other Insurance Companies	168,023	
433,693	Premiums for Collection	755,778	
56,880	Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances	117,728	
265,412	Part of the Company's Cash	431,832	
796,025			1,473,361
9,016,907			16,373,151

THE AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT AND THE RESPECTIVE INVESTMENTS OF THE LIFE ASSURANCE ARE COMPOSED, IN TERMS OF THEIR LINKAGE, AS UNDER:

	Amounts linked to High Cost of Living Index	*Not Linked*	*Total*
AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENTS			
Life Assurance Fund (Note 1a)	13,801,593	681,589	14,483,182
Other Liabilities	739,246	152,724	891,970
Excess of Investment over Insurance Fund and Other Liabilities	997,999	—	997,999
	15,538,838	834,313	16,373,151
INVESTMENTS			
Government Bonds (Note 1c;2)	14,177,210	310,000	14,487,210
Loans (Note 1c)	332,580	—	332,580
Real Estate — Part of the Leasehold Property (Note 1f)	—	80,000	80,000
Accounts Receivable and Cash	1,029,048	444,313	1,473,361
	15,538,838	834,313	16,373,151

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Driving and Vehicle Services

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JERUSALEM

(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON — Loving Feeling; CHEN — The Man of Anger; EDEN — The Dead Are Alive; EDISON — The Black Panther; HABIRAH — Who Saw Her Die?; JERUSALEM — Sacco and Vanzetti; ORGIL — Le Feux de la chandelier; ORION — Malizia; ORNA — The Stone Killer; RON — Gone With the Wind; SEMADAR — Last Tango in Paris.

TEL AVIV

(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY — Charley Varrick; CINEMA ONE — The Deadly Trackers; BEN YEHUDA — The First Circle; CINERAMA — Pat Garrett and Billy The Kid; RAMAT AVIV — Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex but Were Afraid to Ask; STUDIO — Bananas; TCHELET — Duel; TEL AVIV — The laughing Policeman; ZAFON — Our Miss Fred; OPHIR — Scorpio; ORLY — I'll Cry Tomorrow; PEER — Malizia; PARIS — Gum Shoe; CHEN — Mr. Hercules against Karate; DEKEL — The Bridge on the River Kwai; EDEN — Man of Teheran; ESTHER — Blume In Love; MAXIM — What They Did to Solange; LIMOR — Amorous Headmaster; MOGRABI — Big Zapper; ORDAN — Sounder; DRIVE-IN-CINEMA — Beatniks, Bullitt, Alby; GORDON — Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; GAT — Pete N'Tillie; HOD — The Daring Dobermans.

HERZLIYA

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RAMAT GAN

ARMON — Decameron Forbidden.
HADAR — The Daring Dobermans; LILI — 55 Days at Peking, Flipper and the Pirate; OASIS — Man of the East; ORDEA — Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire. RAMA — Marshal; RAMAT GAN — Les Granges Brulees.

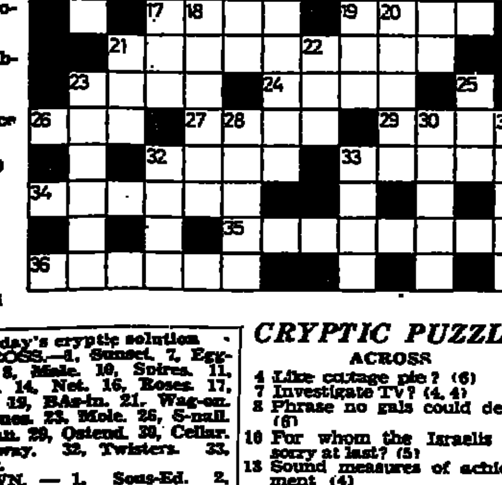
HAIFA

(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE — Gordon's War; ARMON — I Escaped From the Devil's Island; ATZMON — Lady Caroline Lamb; BEIT ROTHSCHILD — Night in Casablanca, The Rain People, Les Parapluies de Cherbourg; CHEN — Coffy; MIRON — School of Sex; MORIAH — Scarecrow; ORAH — Blume in Love; ORDAN — Madame X; ORION — The Honeymoon Killer; ORLY — A Date With a lonely Girl; PEER — Lady Sings the Blues; RON — The Last of Sheila; SHAVIT — The Mackintosh Man.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 Senior nurse (6)
7 Combative (8)
8 Corrects (6)
10 Burdened (5)
13 Excessively formal (4)
14 Falsehoods (4)
15 Certain society members (4)
16 Beast (3)
17 Out of danger (4)
19 Row (4)
21 Spanish dance accompaniment (9)
23 Lads (4)
24 Painful (4)
26 Floor covering (3)
27 Employer (4)
29 Beakers (4)
32 Stepped (4)
33 Advantage (5)
34 Bowman (6)
35 Suspension of criminal sentence (8)
36 Number (6)

DOWN
1 Not big (5)
2 Fly without power (5)
3 Knock out (4)
4 Harsh (5)
5 Appear (4)
6 Make beloved (6)
9 Form of address (6)
11 Atmosphere (3)
12 Written composition (5)
13 Gratified (7)
15 Small amphibian (3)
16 Affirmative word (3)
18 Give confidence to (6)
20 Articles (6)
21 Baby's bed (3)
22 Negative word (3)
23 Hand-cart (6)
25 Era (3)
28 Regretful (5)
30 Escort (5)
31 Horse (6)
32 Lean (4)
33 Well ventilated (4)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 Like cottage pie? (6)
7 Investigate TV? (4, 4)
8 Phrase no gals could devise (6)
10 For whom the Israelis are sorry at last? (5)
13 Sound measures of achievement (4)
14 Flat piece of turned balsa (4)
15 White as frost (4)
16 Inspect the diocese? (3)
17 In which your goose is cooked (4)
19 This river is a bit isolated (4)
21 Like a penniless artist's exaggerated account! (9)
23 Architect who feathered his own nest? (4)
24 Departed after delay (4)
26 Fail to make some gradient? (3)
27 Pulled right in the wet (4)
29 Sunny face? (4)
32 Down-to-earth quintets! (4)
33 Its effect can be headily colourful (5)
34 Sportsmen on the down-grade? (6)
35 Showplaces! (8)
36 Where to buy things for keeps (6)

DOWN
1 Student quality? (5)
2 Go to the interior of the Sudan for cheese (5)
3 Well-located cage? (4)
4 A shoe-maker in the Bible (5)
5 It's arguable that Tom's upset about nothing (4)
6 Goes for some foliage (6)
9 Cow-catcher! (6)
11 A £250 total (3)
12 Closer to heaven (5)
13 Caresses an affectionate little chap (7)
15 That ship among the rocks? (3)
16 Error not to point out? (3)
18 He's in favour of flogging (6)
20 Edible weeds? (5)
21 Some foreign mineral (3)
22 New way to make war (3)
23 When lost, it's not mislaid (6)
25 Comanche warrior, maybe (3)
28 Lies between jobs (5)
30 Powerless to contribute to finer things (5)
31 Slip and break pales (5)
32 Laceration running down one cheek? (4)
33 As the top man, he gets publicity (4)

Monday's easy solution
ACROSS.—1, Cosset. 7, Indolent. 8, Seal. 10, Collie. 11, Starve. 14, Ill. 16, Inter. 17, Rats. 19, Robot. 21, Robin. 22, Yield. 23, Sled. 26, Steep. 28, Ate. 29, Lenten. 30, Elated. 31, Lets. 32, Pretends. 33, Erases.
DOWN.—1, Concur. 2, Shells. 3, Tile. 4, Portion. 5, Heart. 6, Steer. 8, Slit. 9, All. 12, Ant. 13, Verse. 15, Noble. 18, Abate. 19, Roe. 20, Bid. 21, Ripened. 22, Yet. 23, Stairs. 24, Lets. 25, Dodges. 26, Slope. 27, Ended. 28, Ale. 30, Else.

Monday's cryptic solution
ACROSS.—1, Sunset. 7, Eggshell. 8, Male. 10, Spires. 11, Pickle. 14, Net. 16, Roses. 17, D-yes. 19, BAs-in. 21, Wag-on. 22, Lanes. 23, Mole. 26, S-nail. 28, N-an. 29, Ostend. 30, Cellar. 31, A-way. 32, Twisters. 33, Trying.
DOWN. — 1, Sous-Ed. 2, Spa-res. 3, Tees. 4, Aspirin. 5, Weeks. 6, Flies. 8, Mine. 9, Let. 12, Con. 13, L-Eve-l. 15, Pages. 18, Yarns. 19, Ban. 20, S O S. 21, Wal-nuts. 22, Lie. 23, Ma-lady. 24, Only. 25, Earwig. 26, South. 27, Attic. 28, N-E-W. 30, Cast.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON FRIDAY

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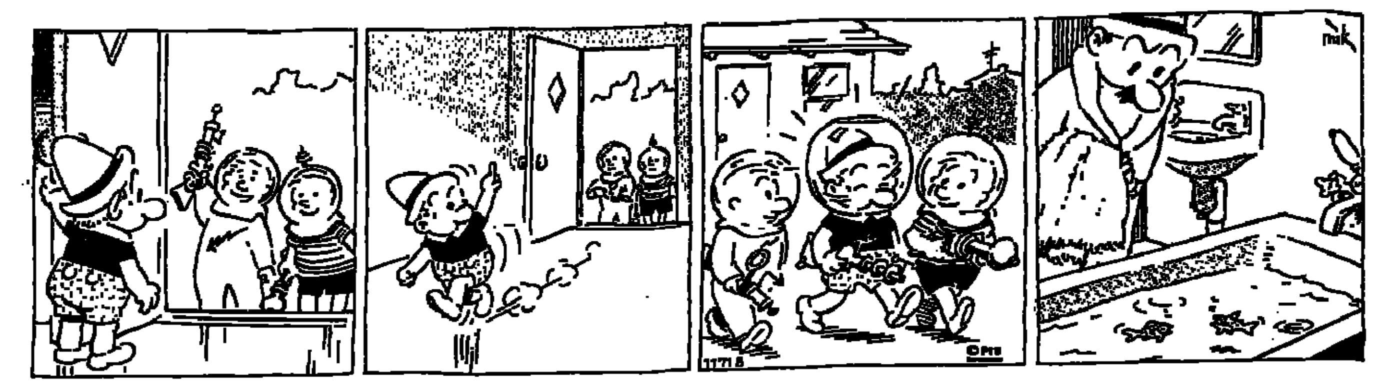

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FIRST PROGRAMME
257, 522 and 221 M.
6.50 a.m. Opening 8.05 Musical Anthology — "The Development of the Symphony from the 18th century until to-day." A programme produced by Paul Landau (Repeat Broadcast). 9.55 English News. 10.05 "Tunes from the Campus of the Hebrew University" (Second Broadcast). Jerome Barry (Baritone) and Jonathan Zak (Piano). Poulenc: Chansons banalites; Ravel: "Alborada del gracioso"; Wolf: Four Songs; Duparc: Two Songs; Copland: American Ballads. 10.55 French News 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary schools. 11.35 Song and melody. 12.15 Programmes for elementary schools 12.35 Midday Concert — Schubert: Overture in E-minor; Britten: Simple Symphony. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Midday concert" — Danzi: Flute Concerto in D-minor (Soloist: Raymond Meylan); Antonio Fachini: Overture. 2.05 Mother and child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — Bettering your knowledge." 3.30 Guidance for teachers. 3.50 Book Review. 4.05 "Felix Mendelssohn" — The Portrait of a Creator A series of programmes by Ada Brodsky (Second Programme). 5.05 "Jazz" — Produced by Paul Landau 5.30 "Waves of sound" — A Musical magazine produced by Avi Hanani. 5.55 English News. 6.05 A. Allon's Corner 6.10 "On Work and Workers" 6.40 The Daily Mishna. 6.50 Frency News 6.55 For the Farmer 7.05 "Today" 7.25 Light Music 7.30 Programme Trailer 7.50 Bible Reading: Ezekiel, chaps 13 and 14 8.05 "Here a Home" 8.45 Cantorial Requests programme 9.35 World of Science 10.05 "Contrasts" (Second Programme) — a recording from a public performance at The Jerusalem "Khan" — with The New Israel String Quartet The "Jazz Workshop Quartet, and Avraham-David Cohen — Oriental Kanoun. Hugo Wolf: Italian Serenade Jazz Improvisations on the Serenade; Schubert: Quartetsatz in C-minor Oriental Improvisation for Jazz-Quartet and Kanoun; Debussy: String Quartet opus 10. Producer — Dan Orstav. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Contrasts," cont. 12.05 A Moment of poetry 12.08 Close Down. 1.05-5.00 songs and tunes. 5.05-5.00 same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 249, 35 5 and 346.5 M.
5.05 a.m. Hebrew songs. 5.55 Religious services 6.05 Exercises 6.15 Musical clock. 6.5 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew songs." 7.55 "Green Light" 8.05 Announcements 8.10 "Good Morning 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — song and sketches 1.05 "At Midday" 1.25 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Ehud Manor 3.05 Requests 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 "Songs from behind the Iran Curtain" 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Songs from behind the Iron Curtain" (cont.). 5.05 "Anything Handy" 6.05 "Songs from Father's Home." 6.45 Today's sport. 9.05 Hebrew songs. 9.30 Jazz. 10.05 "The Weekly Column" 10.25 Light music. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 Old favourites — greetings 1.05-5.00 songs and tunes.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 News. 5.32 My Friend Flicka. 5.55 Sci 6.00 Cartoons. 8.00 Nanny and the Profes 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 Meeting of Artists and En tainers in Jerusalem. 9.55 "Doctor in House." 11.25 News.
Educational: 7.50 Geometry 5. 8.15 Maths 5. Maths. 8. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 English 7. Story. 11.05 Biology 9. 11.35 English 5. Algebra 10. 12.20 Maths. 6. 12.40 Film. 1.00 1.20 Science-Physics 7. 1.40 Literature. Technical Drawing. 4.00 Story. 4.14 Legend. English 4.50 Family games. 5.05 Technolog Arabic: 5.30 News. 5.32 "The Lost Peace" documentary. 7.00 Poetry. 7.05 Miami. News.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
6.55 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song and melody News 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS HOUR
787, 422, 256, 249, 355 and 346.5 M]
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian Yiddish 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rum 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves) a.m. (1st programme); 1.30-2.00 (4th progr and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m.
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (5th programme and short waves); 10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short wav
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short wave).
1st Programme — 256, 522 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL
6.05 Early Morning tunes. 7.05 Morning tunes Programme trailer 8.05 Zahal's newsreel. 8.3 quests 10.55 With Nathan Donewitz 11.05 Warm Tasty — Regards. 11.55 "My Scoop" 12.05 Za Newsreel. 12.20 Warm and Tasty. 1.50 "Who and who loses" 1.35 Warm and tasty. 1.55 nouncements. 2.05 Light entertainment Menashe Raz and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. Programme Trailer 3.05 Entertainment (cont.) Hit Parade 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tune everybody — greetings. 6.05 A programme Arik Lavie and Shoshik Shani 7.05 "Noah's Ark" "By Request." 9.05 "Radio-stage" 10.05 Tu with Yaakov Agmon 11.45 Midnight talk. Zahal's Diary 12.30 Night Birds with Uri Lotan Pnina Bat Zvi. 3.05 Tunes in the night.

The Israel National Opera
7.3.74 Tel Aviv at 8.00
CIRCUS PRINCESS — Kalman
6.3.74 Tel Aviv at 8.00
14.3.74 Haifa at 7.00
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

WALL STREET

Closing Tuesday, March 5, 1974

Shap rally by stocks

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market rallied sharply in heavy trading yesterday, powered by rising hopes for an early end to the Arab oil embargo.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was up 19 points. Gainers swamped losers by about four to one on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume was running at nearly twice its sluggish pace of Monday.

Brokers said Wall Street was welcoming enthusiastically the news that authoritative sources expected Arab oil producing countries to lift their embargo and lower their prices, perhaps as early as next Sunday.

Some of the most prominent gainers were among the oils, autos, airlines, mobile homes, and travel and leisure-time stocks, all of which were seen as having a direct stake in the possible lifting of the embargo, brokers noted. Chemicals, with their links to petrochemical feedstocks, also gained.

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llis Chal	10⅝	Corning	83⅜	Kenn Cop	40⅞	Safeway	42
lcoa	45¼	CPC Intl	33⅝	Koppers	43⅛	Schering	69¼
m Airlin	11⅞	Crane Co	19⅝	Libb O Fd	28	Scott Pap	17⅝
m Bdcst	24⅝	Crown Cork	21	Liggt My	31⅝	Sears Roe	87⅞
mer Can	29⅝	Crwn Zell	34⅝	Litton Ind	10¼	Shell Oil	59⅝
Cyan	24	Dan River	9¼	Lockheed	5⅛	Singer Co	35⅝
Home	40	Deere Co	47¼	LTV Corp	11⅛	Smith KF	48⅞
Mtl Clx	48⅞	Dist Seag	46¼	Macy RH	17	Sony	38⅜
mer Mot	10⅝	Dow Chem	58¾	Magnavox	8	South Ry	48⅝
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l Rich	102	Esmark	31⅝	Merck	79⅝	Sun Oil	49⅝
vco	7⅛	Exxon	86⅝	Minn MM	76¼	Teledyne	14⅝
eckman	34¼	Fair Cam	59⅞	Mobil Oil	47⅝	Tenneco	22⅞
ell How	23½	Firestone	16⅝	Monogm	5½	Texaco	28⅝
endix	38½	Fst N City	42⅝	Monsan	60⅝	Texas Gulf	36
enguet	4⅜	Fluor Cp	52½	Moor McCor	15	Texas Instru	108
eth Stl	34⅝	Fd Fair	8⅜	Morgan J	65½	Textron	21⅝
oeing Co	15⅞	Ford Mot	48⅞	Nabisco	34⅞	Transwair	17⅝
ois Cas	18	Gen Dynam	26	Nat Cash R	39⅞	TriCon	23⅞
org War	20⅝	Gen Elect	56	Nat Distil	13⅞	TRW Inc	19⅝
raniff	12¼	G Fds Corp	27⅝	Nat Indust	13⅞	Twent Cent	8⅝
rist My	48⅝	Gen Mills	55⅝	Nowest Air	25¼	UAL Inc	29
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hase Manh	52⅝	Grt A & P	14¼	Phil Morr	107⅞	War Lam	36⅝
hem NY	46½	Gulf Oil	22⅞	Phil Petro	54⅝	Wells Far	26
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hrysler	19	Hew Pack	84⅞	Proct GM	88⅞	Westg Elec	24
ities Svc	56⅞	Honeywel	74⅝	Qukr Oat	24⅝	Weyerhs	40
oca-Cola	114½	Howmet	14⅞	Rabystos M	41⅞	Woolworth	18
olg Pal	26⅝	IBM	241⅜	Ralston P	21⅞	Xerox Co	114⅝
BS	32⅞	Int Harv	28¼	RCA	20¼	Zenith Rad	29⅝
olu Gas	26¼	Int Nickel	39⅞	Revere Cop	9⅜		
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Gov't firm up 18 points

TEL AVIV. — Chemicals and Phosphates jumped by 18 points yesterday to stand at 90, with a turnover of 26,000. Financial circles say that investors believe that the Government, which has offered to buy the shares of two-other government sponsored companies (Naphtha and Lapidot) at a figure much above the market one, may also extend the same plan to other companies, such as Chemicals and Phosphates.

Another Government company, Electricity, fell by 1.5 points to ... yesterday with a turnover of 40,000.

Bank Leumi, which has been rising steadily lately, yesterday fell by 3.5 to 258,5, with a turnover of 40,000. IDB lost two to 167 (22,000), but Mizrahi Investments gained one to 102.5 (27,000).

The turnover in stocks was IL1,119,800. Of this, IL287,000 was in the variables.

Index-linked bonds rose slightly. The turnover in bonds was IL9,583,000.

The Natad dollar remained at IL5.05, with a turnover of 500,000 and with some $119,900 demanded.

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...ENTURES ...KED TO THE ...LLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	247.3	247.3
Electric Corp. A	r	190.5	190.5
Electric Corp. B.	r	151.5	151.5
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...lta 1965, Index 110.1	b	312	306.5
...tahon 1963, Series 41	b	139.9	141
...tahon 1969, Series 41	b	263	257
COMMERCIAL BANKS BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
...ker Hityashvut	r	230	225.5
D.B. pref.	r	191	194
D.B. Bankholding	r	157	159
...nion Bank	r	272	272
...rael British Bank	b	305	305
...scount Bank "A"	r	450	450
...nited Mizrahi Bank	b	160	158.5
...nk Hapoalim—10%	b	335	323
...nk Leumi—"A"	r	261	262
MORTGAGE BANKS			
...m. Mortgage Bank	b	215	215
...rael Mortg. & Inv.	b	128.5	125
...nk Binyan	b	215	215
...v. & Mortg. Bank	b	215	216
...ousing Mortg. Bank	b	177	176
...fahot 8%	b	213	213.5
...fahot	b	211	211.5
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
...I. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	70	70.5
Hassneh Insurance	b	193	193
Sahar—"C"	b	261	261
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70	71
Delek C.	r	143.5	143.5
Cold Storage—IL10	r	170	171.5
Israel Electric Corp.	r	61	61.5
Lighterage & Supply	r	152	154
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	179	177
Africa Isr IL10	r	262	262
Isr. Land Dev.	b	251	151
Solel Boneh—10%	r	129	129
Property & Build.	r	172.5	173
Isras	b	135.5	136
Mehadrin	r	191	194
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	80.5	82
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	165	162
Neot Aviv	r	70	70
Pri Or Ltd.	r	165	165
Rassco—8%	r	80	80
Rassco—O.	r	62.5	63
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	480	469
Elco—2.5	b	95	99
Electra—5	r	176	180
"Argaman"—8%	b	283.5	285
"Ata"—C	r	104.5	204.5
Dubek	b	355	355
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	171	173
Teva	b	894	890
Chem. & Phosphates	r	80	72
Lewin Epstein	b	59	61.5
Moller Textile	r	158	158
Phoenicia—8%	b	90.5	90.5
Paper Mills	r	289.5	286.5
Assis "B"	r	208.5	203.5
Nechushtan	b	250	250
Shemen—8%	o	125.5	125
"Taal" Plywood	b	205.5	204
Elite		280	280
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	78	82
Ellern	b	155	159
Israel Central Trade	r	195	195
Bank Hapoalim	b	227	227
Pax	b	91.5	90
Wolfson IL10	b	89	88.5
Ampa	r	108.5	110
Discount Bank	b	180	183.5
United Mizrahi	b	101.5	—
Bank Leumi	r	181	181.5
Piryon Investment	r	87.5	87
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	79	79
Export Bank	b	59.5	59.5
Clal Investment	r	179	182
Clal Industries	r	170	170
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	87	86.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	170	170

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	UNIT PRICE	REDEMPTION PRICE
ALON % 22 Index % 78	165.33	161.27
DEKEL	424.8	404.6
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OREN	142.53	139.04

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Haifa grocers may stop sale of Tnuva products

DEMAND CHANGE IN DEPOSITS AND DELIVERY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some 800 grocery stores in the Haifa area on Monday threatened to stop selling Tnuva milk and milk products next Monday, unless the company changes its new deposits policy.

At a press conference yesterday, the Grocery Committee secretary, David Ben-Shalom, said that three weeks ago Tnuva had raised the deposit on the plastic crates in which the products are delivered to the stores — from IL5.50 to IL16 each — on the grounds that their price had gone up.

However, Tnuva refused to continue a "crate for crate" exchange, as long as existing boxes lasted. Tnuva insisted on collecting the difference of IL10.50 on each crate which has a Tnuva tag stuck on its sides, although many of the "new" crates were often old ones still in good condition.

Tnuva had rejected their "reasonable" proposal to pay the higher deposit on any extra crates the grocers would order — either as the old ones wore out, or if larger quantities of milk are ordered, involving the use of extra crates.

Mr. Ben-Shalom said there were still 70,000 of the old crates in circulation in the Haifa area, and that Tnuva's action amounted to a price increase, which the grocers cannot pass on, because milk products are price controlled.

The grocers are also demanding that Tnuva revise its present delivery system, whereby the crated products are dumped outside the groceries at 2 a.m. This makes it impossible to determine whether the right amount has been delivered, or its condition. Under the present system, the goods are left to the mercy of the sun, cats and occasional thieves, until the stores open at 6 a.m. The grocers rejected Tnuva's counter-proposal to come and pick up the products themselves at the dairy.

Mr. Ben-Shalom said that the grocers were risking imprisonment and fines, if they carried out their no sale strike. "But as all our appeals have fallen on deaf ears, and the Commerce Ministry has refrained from intervening, we feel we have no alternative left."

The Tnuva spokesman told *The Post* that company managers were coming to Haifa today to try and work out an agreement on the crates. He said the early deliveries had been a result of the shortage of delivery men due to the call-ups. Before the war, the delivery was made at 4 a.m.

Railway to be extended to Nahal Zin

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee on Monday approved in principle the planning of a 30-km. south-easterly extension of the railway, from Oron to the phosphate works at Hazeva, on Nahal Zin. The project, if approved, would cost an estimated IL48m.

In other actions, the Committee also:

- Raised radio advertising rates by 37 per cent, to help cover the operating expenses of the Light Radio Programme.
- Approved a 55 per cent increase in railroad passenger fares. This is expected to add IL7.7m. annually to Israel Railways' revenues.
- Raised port fees by an average of 20 per cent, both for importers and exporters.
- Endorsed the Ports Authority's proposed development budget for next year, totalling IL147.5m.
- Approved the issue of a silver commemorative Independence Day coin by the Government Coins and Medals Corporation. The coin, with a nominal value of IL10, will have as its theme "The Rebirth of the Hebrew Language." Another numismatic feature will be a six-piece mint set of regular denomination coins—IL1, 50 agora, 25 ag., 10 ag., 5 ag., and 1 agora. The set will bear a small Star of David on each coin.

Gold tumbles in Lilienblum

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gold continued to tumble yesterday in Lilienblum Street, and a kilo was traded for IL25,000, some IL1,500 less than on the previous day. Silver, which took a nose-dive on Monday, remained stable at IL950.

Large denominations of dollar bills rose by five agorot yesterday to stand at IL5.05 per dollar. Other currencies were stable.

A brisk trade has developed in absorption loan (index-linked) bonds which will not be traded on the stock market until March 15. The prices offered continued to be five per cent under the last closing price on the stock market a few days ago, for large lots, and 10 per cent under this price, for odd lots.

El Al to advise South Africans

BEN GURION AIRPORT. — El Al experts are to help South African Airways put more passengers on their jumbo flights, El Al announced here on Monday.

During a recent visit here, SAA representatives found that the Israeli airline was succeeding in carrying 360 passengers on its New York-Lod nonstop route. Their own airline has only been taking 270 passengers on its Johannesburg-London route, which is almost the same distance.

Under the agreement just made between the two airlines, El Al experts will soon visit South Africa to help the South African line increase its efficiency. *(Itim)*

'Arab embargo against U.S. nonexistent'

TEL AVIV. — There is, in fact, no Arab oil embargo on the U.S., Petroleum Institute director Menahem Hen said in the Vocal Newspaper here on Monday night.

Speaking at Beit Sokolow on Israel and the Energy Crisis, Mr. Hen said that even Holland had received 79 million tons more oil in 1973 than in 1972. He said that by 1983, world consumption would be 4,000 million tons, compared with 2,000m. today. The Middle East would have to supply half this amount, he said. *(Itim)*

Potato industry meets in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel is to play host to the European Federation for Potato Research and Industry conference opening here today.

This will be the first international meeting of agricultural scientists and industrialists in Israel since the war.

About 40 participants (with their wives) will be here for the meeting which ends on March 12. Two days will be set aside for professional discussions and a third day for visiting potato fields. Scientists from Israel and abroad will lecture at the meeting.

Cairo's economic strategy centres on canal opening

By PETER FIELD

LONDON. — EVER since the signing of the Egypt-Israel disengagement agreement, the reopening of the Suez Canal has formed a central part of Egypt's reconstruction plans and of its economic strategy.

Some observers think that one of Sadat's main objects in launching the October War was to free the canal for reopening at an appropriate time. Substantial dues would be regained (Egypt's losses since 1967 have been estimated at $1,300 million), economic development encouraged, and Western investment attracted.

Clearing operations would have to start with the army. Apart from the pontoon bridges and causeways thrown across by the Israelis and Egyptians, there are mines on the banks and explosive objects in the water.

Neutralising and disposing of these may take up to two months, according to the estimate of foreign observers. Only then can the civilian authorities take over. Their work could take another four to six months.

When clearing is complete, the 171 km. canal will have been restored to its dimensions at June 1967, with a permissible draught of 13 metres, allowing the passage of ships up to 70,000 dwt fully loaded or 200,000 dwt in ballast. But in these days of supertankers this is inadequate. The Canal Authority is anxious to press ahead with enlargement.

These plans form the third stage of the Nasser Project for improving the canal, a stage begun in February 1967 but halted four months later. Since then the goals have been revised.

The first part of the revised programme envisages a draught of 18 metres instead of 13 to take 150,000 dwt tankers fully loaded, and the second part 22 metres to take tankers of up to 260,000 dwt fully laden and 290,000 dwt partly laden. Some 650 million cubic metres of sand and rock need to be excavated — twice as much as in the canal's construction.

How much tanker traffic the canal can recapture from the Cape route depends on the enlargement programme being realised in the six-year period laid down — a major factor being the ability of the world's dredging fleet to cope; on the level of oil production and export from the Gulf to Europe in 1980; on how far the producing states have developed their own refining operations; and on trends in freight rates and tanker sizes.

Most transits in the last full year before the canal's closure — 1966 — were tankers and most of these were transporting Gulf oil to Europe. The closure in 1967 gave impetus to the building of tankers over the 175,000 200,000 dwt mark, known as very large crude carriers (VLCCs). Now, tankers of 540,000 dwt, drawing 31 metres, are on order, and one-million tonners with draughts exceeding 33 metres are being considered.

No one really knows how costs in tankers will be affected by the reopening and how the canal route will compare with the alternatives. Some estimates suggest that it will still be cheaper and more convenient to transport oil via the Cape in VLCCs than through the canal.

What will help the canal are the growing restraints on the trend towards bigger tankers and carriers. Capital costs, insurance rates, port facilities and the threat of pollution are all becoming more significant factors in laying down giant tankers. Also, vessels of above 250,000 dwt do not appear to reduce freight costs for each ton any further.

Another longer-term trend which may benefit the canal is the desire of oil-producing states to export more oil in refined forms. Exports of oil products are much smaller than those of crude, and the canal could handle product-carriers at its existing dimensions.

The advantages of reopening and enlarging are much clearer in the case of non-oil traffic. Restored to its former capacity, the canal would bring immediate relief to countries whose sea routes were stretched in 1967 — those countries nearest to the canal in the Mediterranean, East Africa and Asia. Food exports would be much easier. Freight costs would go down. The Cape route adds 11,000 kms to the 12,000 kms from London to the Gulf via Suez.

Cost of reopening and the initial stage of enlarging is estimated at $300-400 million. Later stages, including a new control and telecommunications system, a bigger maintenance fleet and other ancillary services, may cost up to another $600 million. These figures do not seem to worry Egypt. Several offers of financial help are reported to have been made.

Cairo can probably rely on Arab finance, particularly from Kuwait and the other Gulf oil states. *(Gemini)*

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
Tender No. 185/73

Tenders are invited for the supply of:
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20 wood laders, 4.80m.

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Director-General
Ministry of Communications

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200 180 cm. cable bearers

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Peckinpah does Billy the Kid

Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (Cinerama, Tel Aviv), tells of the final pursuit of the legendary outlaw across America's southwest in the early 1880's. Director Sam Peckinpah ("Straw Dogs," "The Getaway") has used one of the popular versions of the story, in which Sheriff Garrett (James Coburn) had once ridden with Billy, before going over to the side of the law and vowing to bring him in. In fact, the two never knew each other.

This version gives Peckinpah the chance to show the inner conflict facing Garrett because of their old friendship. Billy (Kris Kristofferson) remains rather a cardboard character. However, against all the historical evidence, it is suggested that he was something of a romantic figure, a loner who befriended the oppressed. At the same time, Billy is depicted as a cold-blooded, indiscriminate killer, and here the director's well-known obsession with violence is given full play.

On the credit side, is some impressive acting by the large cast of players, among them folk singer Bob Dylan in his screen debut (he also wrote the film's effective musical score, including several ballads which he performs himself). Overall, though, we had hoped for much more from a director of such talent. *J. L.*

IPO's 'praiseworthy attempt'

THIS all-Israeli I.P.O. programme of light music, conducted by Shalom Ronly-Riklis (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, March 2), was a praiseworthy attempt to give expression to a much neglected field. However, there were only two really effective items: Shimon Cohen's "Romancero" and Lavry's symphonic poem "Emek." Boskovich's "The Golden Chain" and Ben-Haim's "From Israel" suite made little impression because of their lukewarm and irresolute presentation. Micha Segal's Introduction to a "Nigun," for clarinet and orchestra, was weak in composition, although it offered the soloist a few tempting phrases (which Giora Feidman exploited to the full). Shimon Cohen, on the other hand, emerged as the master of his media — light music. Although a medley of song melodies, his piece has unity, connecting sections add interesting contrasts, and the return at the end to the opening song is highly effective. His greatest achievement was in orchestration, eliciting from the players not only a brilliant sound, but light music, in the best international tradition. Mr. Cohen conducted his own composition with charm and elegance.

The "Romancero" was followed by Lavry's famous "Emek." Although written in 1936, it has not lost its effectiveness and Mr. Riklis exploited its possibilities with competence. *BENJAMIN BAR-AM*

High price of 'right' foods hurts dancers' figures

dance news
dora sowden

THE high price of food is a problem not only for families with limited budgets. It is creating a major crisis for dancers. For them, the cost of keeping slim is crucial. Paradoxically, the new prices of what used to be their basic diet are making them grow fat on substitutes — and fat is the enemy of the dancer.

Young people are usually good eaters anyway, and dancers are always hungry because of their energy output in essential exercise. As most of them, even professionals, are under 25 and therefore still in some stage of growth, they need more good food than the average citizen — but it should not be full of carbohydrates likely to lead to stoutness rather than stamina.

Coming back from abroad recently, I noticed that many of the Israeli dancers looked plumper to me than before. Perhaps it was because I had been looking so often at the dancers of the Royal Ballet and the London Festival Ballet. Yet in Britain, too, some dancers are showing a tendency to fleshiness. Israelis may remember the lovely Lynn Seymour during the Royal Ballet visit here, and her over-weight appearance. There were many uncomfortable moments for those who thought about such things when the male dancers had to bear her weight. Though male dancers often wear protectives and have in any case developed strong muscles from lifting ballerinas, they are not immune to hernia and other injury from a too-well-filled-out partner.

So dance companies abroad are also finding the problem of buxom dancers quite serious. I have heard of the company which has had to dismiss dancers who either refused to reduce weight or couldn't.

Meat, vegetables, fruit, fish, even cheese — all have reached problem prices for dancers whose pay is usually modest (unless they are the stars, like Nureyev or Margot Fonteyn), and whose income certainly hasn't risen enough to meet the new inflation.

The situation is even worse among pupils at ballet schools and in other dance classes. Apparently, parents don't believe in limiting the sweet, ice-cream, soft drink, cake, and bread allowance of the children who show signs of over-chubbiness, indulgently called "puppy fat." At the year-end performances of ballet studios I have attended here and abroad, I have often thought sadly of the many talented pupils who will hardly make the grade as professional dancers because of the handicaps of thickened thighs they are setting for themselves.

When I have pointed out — as gently as I could — to some dancers that they are rather heavy-looking, they have defended themselves by declaring that they are "big-boned" (the girls) or that they are "all muscle" (the boys). I hardly like to tell them that if their shape is not reducible they should be doing something else — even maybe something else in dance: teaching or taking or giving movement classes.

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EILAT ANNIVERSARY

TWENTY-five years ago a small column of soldiers moved quietly down through the Negev to raise the Israel flag on a section of what then appeared on all maps only as the Gulf of Akaba. What is now Eilat was then a patch of sandy wilderness that seemed very far away. The flag the column raised had been hurriedly painted in ink on a piece of white cloth, and it seemed a makeshift victory.

It is not so long ago, and Eilat is today a large and prosperous port and resort town — when we are not in the aftermath of a war. There were plenty of people then to say it was foolish desert romanticism to send even the most modest Israel presence to a piece of water that leads only to the Red Sea, even if the 1948 Partition decision at the U.N. had made the area part of the State of Israel.

Some said it should be offered to the Arabs — for what? — so that they could enjoy a land bridge between Egypt and Jordan and be grateful to us. This would have kept open the old smugglers' road for opium and hashish from the Lebanon to Egypt which so long provided movement facilities for infiltrators and terrorists, and in every war but the last also permitted the free exchange and movement of forces between Sinai and Jordan.

How could one build any settlement so near Akaba, which the Jordanians could come across and destroy at any time? others protested. Would we be able to keep forces there? And others again — and they are in high and distinguished positions today — said that we would not be able to use the port without prior agreement by the Arabs, because they would be able to interfere with ships going through Bab el-Mandeb and the Straits of Tiran at Sharm e-Sheikh. And so they are.

Fortunately it was clear enough from the beginning that all these putative threats would work both ways, if necessary, and in fact Eilat has enjoyed almost uninterrupted quiet and a form of unspoken agreement with Akaba. It has become a major port, and even a major oil port, which has its disadvantages. It has become a tourist heaven, drawing visitors from northern Europe in particular, who come to bask almost unbelievingly in winter sunshine. It has become the indispensable urban centre that services the copper mines and settlements in the southern Negev.

Today Eilatis have a special pride and patriotism of their own that derives only in part from their magnificent surroundings. They even tend to look on those who live in the rest of Israel as weaker brethren who don't like doing things the hard way, rather as Israelis look upon Jews abroad. They had some thin years and suffered dust and sand and heat. Without their faith in Israel and themselves, we should all be worse off today, economically, geographically and politically. Faith is in rather short supply today. The Eilat anniversary is a good occasion to remember that it does in fact move mountains.

LEVEL OF SUPPLY IN DOUBT

Faisal prepared to lift embargo

By JOHN DE ST. JORRE

RIYADH (Ofns). — IN line with its growing caution on the use of the oil weapon, Saudi Arabia has modified its position on the American embargo and is now prepared to lift it as soon as there is a Syrian-Israel disengagement on the Golan Heights.

This is the second major shift in Saudi policy. When the embargo was first imposed its removal was linked with a total Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories. Then, last December, this was modified to an agreed Arab-Israeli plan for a pull-back, guaranteed by America.

Confirming these new terms in an interview here, Sheikh Ahmed Yamani, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, said that there would be no half-measures on the embargo — it would either be lifted completely or left in place. "We can always reimpose it," he added.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, who feels that American policy has already become more favourable in the Middle East, is also keen to see the embargo lifted. Other Arab oil producers, such as Libya, Algeria, Kuwait and Iraq, are much more hostile, but will probably go along with the Saudi Arabians providing Syria receives satisfaction at the hands of the Israelis and Dr. Kissinger, who is visiting Damascus this week.

The big question now is whether the Saudis are prepared to end the cutbacks — currently standing at 15 per cent based on production levels last September — and increase production to match the growing demand of the consumer countries.

Sheikh Yamani left this issue in limbo. But, reading between the lines here, it seems that the Saudi Government is ready to restore production to the September rate, about 8,500,000 barrels a day, when the embargo on America and Holland is lifted.

Increasing production beyond that is another problem. Even allowing for a massive development budget, Saudi Arabia will manage to spend only one quarter of its huge revenues this year. Even before the October war it made more sense for Saudi Arabia to keep its surplus oil rather than to have the money it earns plummet in value in a shaky world monetary system.

However, the Saudi Oil Minister was cautiously optimistic on resolving this dilemma once peace had been established in the Middle East. The Government's extensive plans for industrialisation would absorb a great deal of the oil cash, although

King Faisal

he stressed the need for a dialogue — and not a confrontation — with the industrialised consumer nations.

The Saudi Government is clearly concerned about the future, even though its oil reserves are enormous. In return for increasing production it seeks Western and Japanese technology, a secure method of protecting its overseas investments and reserves, a diversification of the present one-track economy. "Nobody worried about us before the oil," Prince Saud, Yamani's deputy and a son of King Faisal, said here. "No one will care about us when it's gone."

There are two other oil problems currently worrying the Saudis — prices and nationalisation. The steep rise in crude oil prices happened too quickly for the conservative Saudi's liking. Not that they do not share the other producers' view that oil was grossly underpriced before the war. "We just consider it came too fast," Prince Saud commented.

Saudi Arabia is now trying to persuade the other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to agree to a reduction in the price of oil. Sheikh Yamani claims that he is making headway, and OPEC members have already agreed to at least a freeze in prices when they next meet on April 1.

By increasing production, Saudi Arabia could probably force prices down. The failure of the Kuwaitis to get the high prices they expected at their recent auction indicates there is a levelling off in market prices anyway. But unilateral, strong arm tactics of this kind would mean a break with OPEC, an organisa[tion] which Sheikh Yamani personally [...] much to build up. All the Gover[n]ment oil officials I have talked [...] in Riyadh stress that Saudi Ara[bia] has no intention of going that [...]

The slow and measured pr[o]gramme for increasing Saudi part[i]cipation in Aramco, the giant Ame[ri]can oil consortium which produc[es] 95 per cent of Saudi Arabia's o[il] has also been knocked off balan[ce] by the Middle East and energ[y] crises. Libya and Iraq have natio[n]alised their foreign oil firms, K[u]wait has recently increased its sta[ke] to 60 per cent and now it is pla[in] that Saudi Arabia will follow t[he] trend.

There have been reports that t[he] Government will shortly increase [its] current 25 per cent holding [in] Aramco to a complete takeover. Sa[u]di officials denied this, but Shei[kh] Yamani admitted that a radic[al] change ("different from the Kuwai[ti] pattern") would be coming soo[n]. Informed observers feel this cou[ld] be full Saudi participation, leavin[g] Aramco with a management and di[s]tribution contract and perhaps t[he] potentially lucrative development [of] natural gas, which is currently bur[ned] off. A new system of pricing mig[ht] also be introduced at the same tim[e].

Private session with Golda Meir

By EPHRAIM KISHON

To the President of the U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

DEAR Mr. President,

Having concluded my latest Middle-Eastern lap, I am pleased to offer a step-by-jump progress report herewith.

At my first stop, Damascus, I had a most constructive talk with President Assad, who swore a fearful oath that even should he return the Israeli PoW's, never but never would he hand over the list of their names. His fiery speech was, however, interrupted by a letter of recommendation from Comrade Brezhnev, whereupon Mr. Assad thought the matter over again in view of recent developments in Islam, and gave me the list there and then, which is one more proof of America's growing influence in the region.

Wasting no time I flew to Jerusalem for a private working session with Mrs. Meir. I handed her the list and she immediately proclaimed February 28 a national holiday to be celebrated henceforth as "The Great Victory Day." I felt a glow of satisfaction, Mr. President, to have had a share in this stupendous achievement. I then pronounced my firm hope and belief that if Israel would only reveal some territorial goodwill slightly beyond all bounds of reason I could persuade Damascus to take back their 386 PoW's, but at that point the door was opened by a bearded Party Politician who sounded a shrill whistle:

"Zerah's final offer," the man called, "Stopping Russian immigration for two years, plus three Vice-Mins., Education and a finger in Housing."

Mrs. Meir had her reservations but asked the emissary to leave the door open for further contact. I enquired whether she had no guard in front of her office, and she explained that of course she had a guard and a No Entrance sign too, but that the bearded P.P. had brought a note from Rabbi Soloveitchik. Presently the head of a young fellow popped through the door — which had been left open, as mentioned — and he shouted at intervals: "They'll vote *for!*" or: "They'll abstain!" or: "Half-and-half!"

It turned out he meant Rafi, who were making their vote of confidence conditional on Mr. Dayan's retracting his refusal to retract. Mr. Dayan for his part made his participation in talks with myself conditional on a public censure of Mr. Yosef Sarid, which was carried out promptly, at the personal instigation of Mrs. Meir, by Mr. Sapir, who gave public satisfaction to Mr. Dayan by appealing to him in an emotion-laden voice on the local TV screen:

"Even if the whole country is against you, Moshe, even if they all want you to quit, I beg you as one comrade to another to take no account of the masses but stay on a bit."

At this stage in the proceedings I suggested to Mrs. Meir that we turn our mind to problems connected with Israel's pull-back from the Syrian Heights, but just then Mr. Moshe Kol looked in and demanded his right as Minister of Tourism to sit in on our talk. In the end a compromise was reached and Mr. Kol sat in a corner with his fingers in his ears.

Meanwhile the bearded P.P. had come back too, and a lively debate ensued, which I hereby attach verbatim for your benefit:

P.P.: Last price: Shut all immigrant converts in a leper's colony for eight months!

Golda: Wouldn't Shulamit Aloni just love that. No!

P.P.: Five months — a deal?

Golda: You aren't nice at all.

P.P.: Kissinger, be a sport, talk to her!

K.: My Government objects to enforced settlements.

P.P.: No one to talk to around here! How about a fifth portfolio?

Golda: Lay off, Bernstein!

P.P.: All right: I'll tell Soloveitchik!...

As you may remember, Mr. President, I rang you up on the red line at this crucial point and informed you in code that Hausner insists on getting Justice. Returning to the room I found Mrs. Meir surrounded by Arabs. These, it appeared, were the four Alignment M.K.'s who were demanding a Ministry between them, to be filled in turn, each man for a season.

"Did you ever?" they asked fervently, "A minority government without minorities? Just Rabinowitz-Rabinowitz all the time?"

Mrs. Meir asked them to leave their phone numbers. Next the open door let in an M.K. from the ruling party who informed the Premier that he had rheumatism and wouldn't be able to raise his hand. He enquired in passing if Communications was already manned.

"Not yet," thus Golda, "But Yitzhak Raphael enrolled ahead of you."

I began to feel a bit dazed just then, Mr. President, the more so as it turned out that the portfolios of the Interior, Transport, Welfare, Religion, Posts, Housing and Justice would stay open for an unlimited period, or at least pending the collapse of one side. I asked Mrs. Meir if she hadn't better present a new Government with *all* the Ministries unmanned, as that would leave her wide scope for impromptu variations. Mrs. Meir said that indeed, she had considered that possibility, and that actually that was the *de facto* situation anyway.

Rather exhausted from our stormy agenda, we took a few minutes off to discuss troop disengagement and all that. We agreed I'd pass on a message to Sadat about freezing the NRP for a year, and that afterwards I'd go to Riyadh to discuss the status quo of Jerusalem.

Taking leave from the Premier, I asked if it wouldn't be desirable to entertain the possibility of a National Unity Cabinet after all, but she rejected the idea out of hand:

"With the Likud inside," she said, "how could I ever negotiate quietly with you?"

Here the matter rests for the moment, Mr. President. I guess I'll cut my visit short, and to save time and fuel come right back home and settle affairs directly with Rabbi Soloveitchik. Me, I don't need mediators.

By arrangement with "Ma"ariv."
Translated by Miriam Arad

READERS' LETTERS

Captain's view of strike

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Permit me to rectify certain points regarding the recent marine officers' strike:

1. Haifa port was never "totally blocked" by the M/V "Narcis," as she was anchored about two and a half cables off the main breakwater, and navy units passed freely on either side at all times.
2. There was no "sharp argument" between Mr. Z. Shalit and myself at any time; each of us stated his respective case civily.
3. I refused to leave Israel, when instructed by the owners to do so, as there was a legitimate dispute between the company and the union, which had to be clarified beforehand.
4. The M/V "Narcis" had not been on strike, but was refused entry into port by authorities in Haifa and Ashdod.
5. Any impartial investigation by the Ministry of Transport is most welcome and certainly in the interest of truth.
6. Throughout the whole dispute, reporting of it was partial and unfair; little publicity was given to the fact that the two roll-on/roll-off-ships have been in operation for seven months. Many of their officers were kept for many months of the last two years in Spain and Rumania to supervise the building of these and similar ships, and demonstrated plenty of goodwill and confidence in the company, as there was no working agreement and only promises to count on during that time.
7. As for the "big wages," why doesn't the public ask just one practical question: If they earn so much why is there such a shortage of seamen all the time? Perhaps life in this profession is not as rosy as presented by some reporters?

CAPT. T. SINGER
M/V Narcis

Ashdod, February 22.

Ya'acov Friedler comments:

Point 1. In the opinion of the port management, the port was indeed totally blocked, Navy units that may have passed did so at the risk of damage. The Union announced officially at the time that they had closed the port as a show of strength, and until the ship moved astern, the port was in fact blocked as reported.

Point 2. The article did not say anything about a "sharp argument" but only reported the fact that Mr. Shalit had warned Captain Singer to remove his ship and he refused to do so, pending union instructions.

Points 3 and 4. If the Narcis was not on strike, by what "legitimate dispute" could the master explain his refusal to sail? In fact, she was technically not on strike, becau[se] the port management rightly refu[s]ed to let her in to be struck insid[e] as the union said they would.

Point 6. I do not agree that t[he] reporting was either partial or u[n]fair. The fact that the officers m[ay] have been kept many months [in] Spain and Rumania (for whi[ch] they were no doubt paid very we[ll]) was not a point in the dispute. T[he] fact that there was no workin[g] agreement was at least partially th[e] fault of the union, which refus[ed] Zim's offers, or to have their clai[ms] ruled on by the Histadrut.

Point 7. As a matter of fact, the[re] is no shortage of seamen for shi[p]plying Israel's home lines. Zi[m] employs almost 100 per cent Israe[li] on their home line ships. The shor[t]age is on lines which do not touc[h] home ports frequently and the sea[]men do not join these ships, n[ot] because the wages are "too low" b[ut] because they don't want to sta[y] away from home so long. N[o] amount of wages can bring th[em] country nearer. In fact, there ar[e] experts who believe that many sea[]men and especially officers leave th[e] sea just because of the high wages. [S]trange as this may sound. Th[e] argument is that they earn so much that they are able to buy house[s], furniture, cars, everything they need; some even have bought up bars, res[]taurants and businesses. Then, of course, they have every incentive n[ot] to sail any more, but to stay [at] home, making an occasional voya[ge] to augment their shore earnings.

Call for new elections

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — New elections must [be] held, and held immediately. The pre[]sent state of chaos in governmen[t] cannot be permitted to contin[ue] while Israel's existence is at stak[e] as never before.

But — and this is the crux — these elections must not be preced[]ed by a propaganda campaig[n] which costs enormous sums o[f] money that we can ill afford, wit[h] the economy in its present parlou[s] state. Every single person in th[e] country knows what the platforr[s] of each party is, and the speeche[s] and electioneering are still fresh i[n] all our minds.

So let's go to the polls withou[t] delay and without further useles[s] talk, and let the people decide whor they want to govern them. We mus[t] have a strong Government!

E. KIRSO[N]

Herzliya, February 25.

ISRAEL PRESS

'Alignment ignores reality'

Ma'ariv (non-party) castigates the Alignment for "its persistence in ignoring the political reality created since the elections." It sharply denounces the various "manoeuvres" meant to facilitate Mrs. Meir's withdrawal of her decision to stand down as premier of a minority government. "But reality cannot be changed by convening the party leadership for its umpteenth session, or by enlisting top-notch orators and as many leading figures as possible (to prevail upon Mrs. Meir to remain)... It is possible to create a new illusion — but not a new reality."

Yediot Aharonot (non-party) points out that "Israel is the only country in the world where public opinion cannot sway its government. Thus, other foreign powers have become accustomed to regarding our government as far less dependent on its people than their own — even where dictatorial regimes are concerned. As a result, the world is considerate of internal difficulties in the governments of Egypt and Syria, but disregards altogether any such difficulties where Israel is concerned. The world exerts intolerable pressure on Jerusalem, while being careful not to upset the Arab countries. "If Mrs. Meir persists in making light of our will" — the paper warns — "she only helps to confirm this thesis prevalent about us throughout the world, and it is the people who will have to pay for this woeful state of affairs."

Ha'aretz (Independent) understands that the Alignment leaders find it hard to adjust to the consequences of Mrs. Meir's refusal to carry on with the cabinet formation: None but she is capable of presenting a minority cabinet, and that leaves only a coalition with Likud — an idea which the majority of the Alignment have so far rejected. That they are therefore making every effort to persuade Mrs. Meir to reconsider, is understandable.

Less understandable is Mrs. Meir's willingness to let herself be persuaded: It undermines the credibility of her personal sincerity and leaves her without authority in the eyes of the public at large, even if the Alignment gives her another vote of confidence.

The Labour Party, the paper concludes, will have to change its tune and accept the idea of a coalition with Likud — and that means naming a Prime Minister whom Likud can accept. Whether the Alignment takes that road depends largely on Rafi: If Rafi really want a broad coalition, they must stop talking about voting for a minority cabinet if it is presented in the Knesset.

Soviet attitude toughening against Jewish movement

By COLIN SHINDLER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON. — IT is clear that during the past few weeks there has been a definite tightening of the screw in repressions against the Jewish movement. Refusals of exit visas to would-be Jewish emigrants at the Moscow Emigration Office have multiplied. Specialists and professionals have been particularly prominent amongst the refusals.

Leonid Byelopolsky is a medical doctor specialising in work on cerebral comas; his application for an exit permit was turned down a couple of weeks ago. So was that of 36 year old Grigory Rosenshtein, a noted cyberneticist. No reasons were given for the refusals.

Mikhail Fridman was told last November that he, his wife and ten month old son could leave. Fridman arranged for the transfer of his flat and wound up his affairs in the U.S.S.R. However, when he went to collect his permit he was told by emigration officials that it was not ready. Last week, he was told that "his refusal had been confirmed." He is now literally sitting on his suitcases.

Benjamin Gorokhov, the well-known film producer, was promised a visa just before the much-publicised hunger strike of Professor David Azbel and his friends. Receiving the emigration permit was conditional on his non-participation in the protest. Gorokhov agreed and did not go on hunger strike. As soon as Rubin and Galatsky had terminated their fast, Gorokhov and his wife called at the Emigration Office only to be told that they had been refused. Such arbitrary action was not just confined to Moscow.

In the small town of Mogilev-Podolsk, in the Ukraine, Ilya and Fania Roizman were told by their local emigration official that they were "too young." Which is not bad for an old married couple nearing forty.

Last Friday's mass arrests signalled a tougher Soviet attitude. More than 60 Jews were imprisoned because they wanted to deliver a letter on Soviet emigration policy to the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

All were kept in cold damp cells from early morning until late at night. One Jew, who was a bystander, had been picked up with the rest merely because of his Jewish features, despite the fact that he had nothing to do with the exodus movement. His own pleas and those of the Moscow activists did nothing to soften the harsh attitude of his captors.

Alexander Druk, who has been waiting to emigrate for nine months, was picked up as he went down to the pharmacy to pick up some medicine for his ailing wife.

Yevgeny Barazh was not permitted to telephone home from the police station to inquire after his sick son.

Jews from Vilnius and Kiev were also arrested and imprisoned. Upon release they were sent back to their home towns. Some Jews were not even permitted to travel to Moscow. Three Jews at the main railway station in Vilnius and another one at the airport were stopped from boarding their transport. The two Jews from Kiev, Alexander Tsatskis and Saul Raslin, were beaten up outside the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, having been followed by plain-clothes men. When bystanders attempted to help them, police held them back, saying that they were thieves and they must be beaten.

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